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RETURN
OF THE
JEDI

STAR WARS

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OLDER
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LOPEZ

WHO'S
PLOTTING TO
OVERTHROW
JABBA THE
HUTT?



THE MAX REBO BAND

With the Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire locked in a civil war for control of the galaxy, criminals, scoundrels and gangsters find new ways to profit from the chaos.

Chief among these is the crime lord JABBA THE HUTT, who rules over a criminal empire based on the Outer Rim planet of TATOOINE.

From his palace, Jabba commands his organization of thugs, thieves and bounty hunters by appealing to their greed--and taking advantage of their fear....

Jabba's
Palace.

FIRST THOUGHT
I HAD WHEN
THE SHOOTING
STARTED...

ANOTHER
SHOOT-OUT.
AH WELL.

TIME
FOR A--

CHK







I HAD NO IDEA THAT LATER THAT VERY SAME NIGHT, MY TWO DRUMMERS WOULD BE PUT ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH ONE ANOTHER...

THAT TURNAROUND IN *BALLAD OF BOSOVIR* KEEPS EATING YOU ALIVE, AK-REV!

ONLY 'CUS YOU KEEP DRAGGING IN THE BRIDGE.



WRONG! THE BRIDGE IS MEANT TO DRAG--IT'S BIM BAM BADIM BAP! ASK MAX!

UMPASS, BROTHER, PLEASE. IT'S BIM BAM BADIM BAP. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT.



LOOK, MATE, YOU CAN'T BE BAD AT BOTH YOUR JOBS. IF YOU'RE GONNA INSIST ON KARKING UP THE RHYTHM, YOU GOTTA GET BETTER AT...



...PROTECTING JABBA!

SPLURSH!



AY, THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR!

BLASTER BOLT MISSED HIM BY THIIIIIS MUCH, BUDZO!

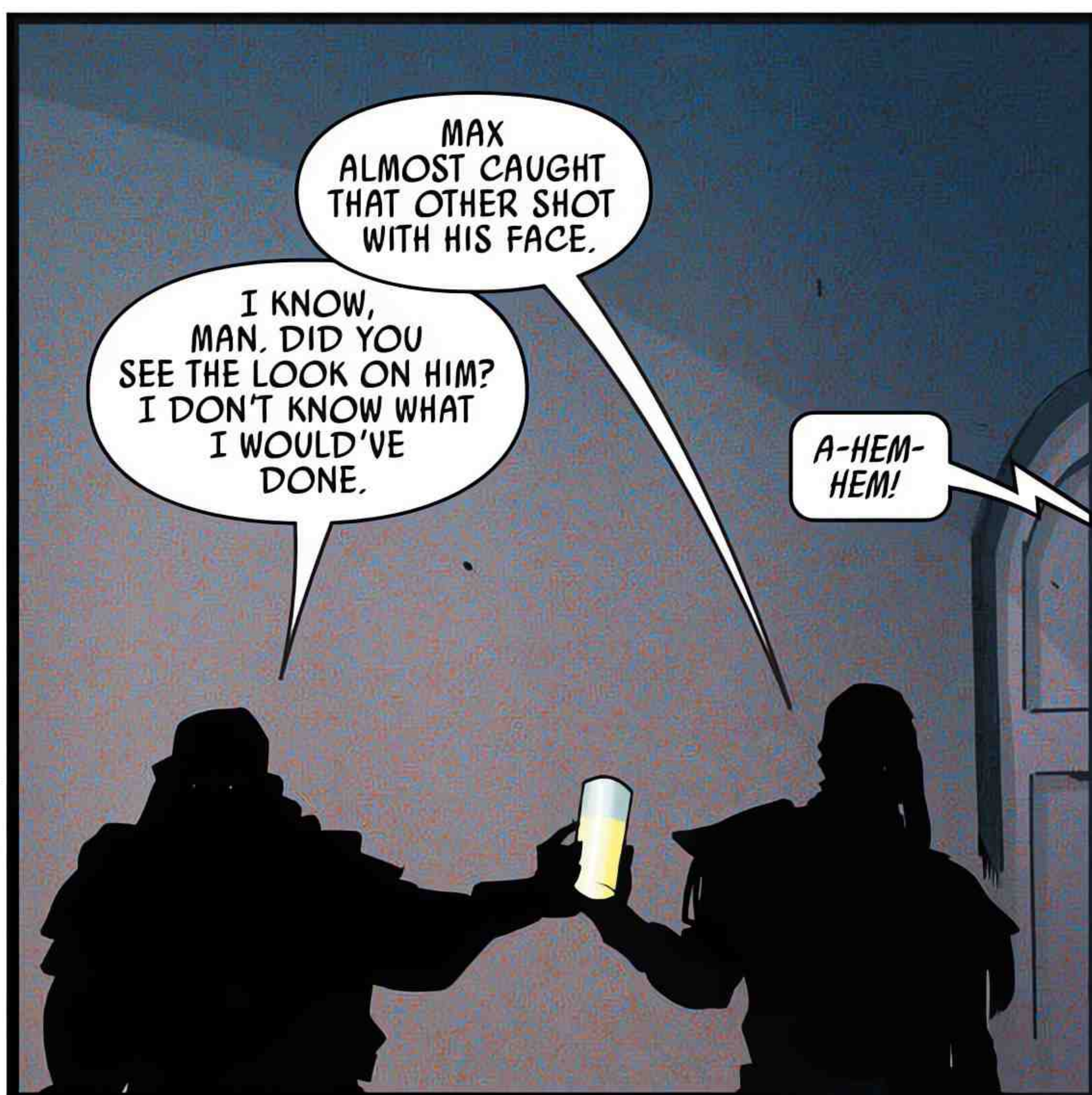
UH, EXCUSE ME?



NOT NOW, DROID!

AND YOU! LET'S NOT PRETEND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ALMOST LOST SOMEONE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT TONIGHT, EH!

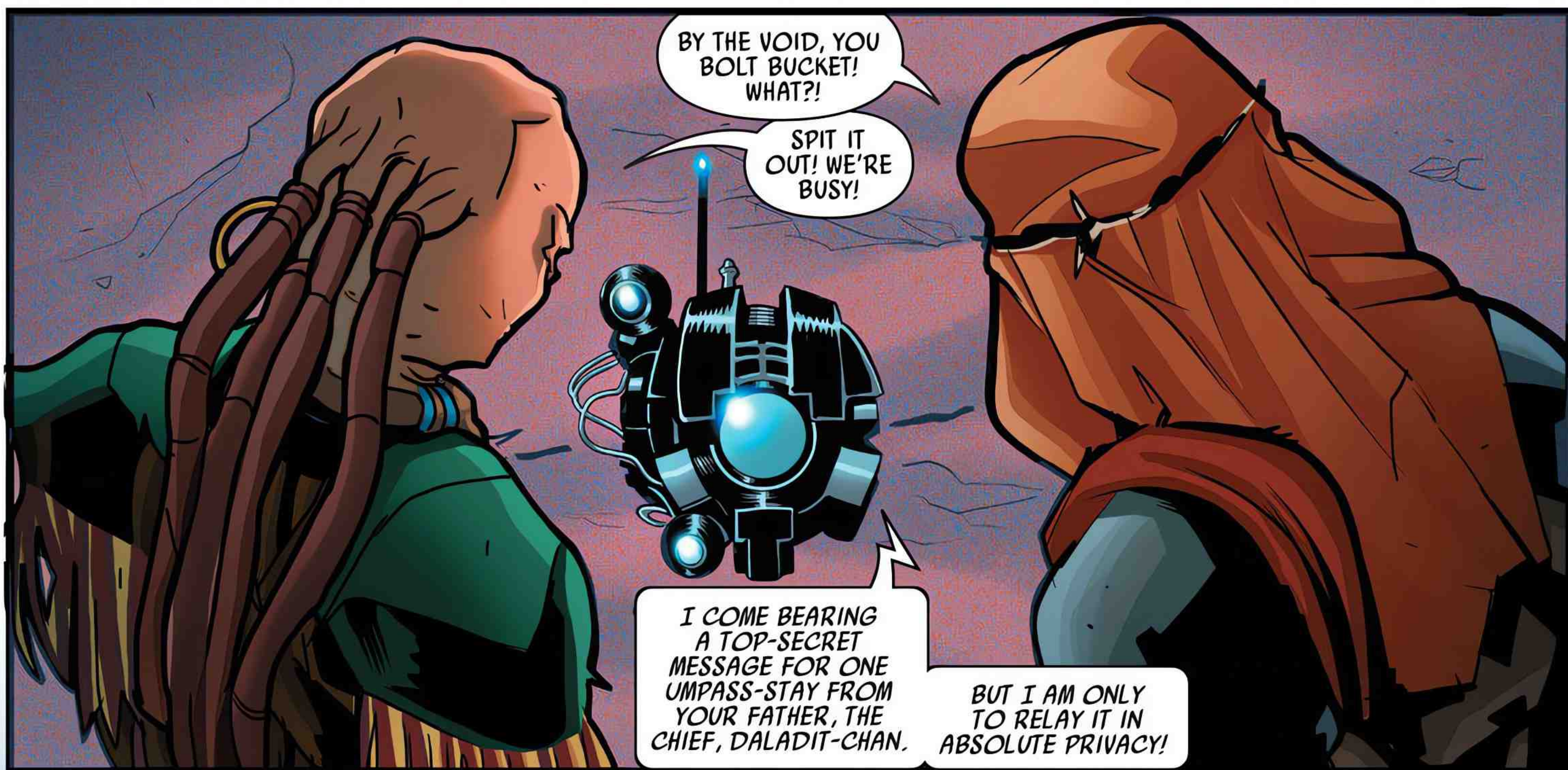
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!



MAX ALMOST CAUGHT THAT OTHER SHOT WITH HIS FACE.

I KNOW, MAN. DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HIM? I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE.

A-HEM-HEM!



BY THE VOID, YOU BOLT BUCKET! WHAT?!

SPIT IT OUT! WE'RE BUSY!

I COME BEARING A TOP-SECRET MESSAGE FOR ONE UMPASS-STAY FROM YOUR FATHER, THE CHIEF, DALADIT-CHAN.

BUT I AM ONLY TO RELAY IT IN ABSOLUTE PRIVACY!



AK-REV HERE IS MY **BROTHER**. HE FOUND ME WHEN I WAS JUST A STREET RAT PLAYING ON EMPTY CANS. HE MADE ME THE PERSON I AM TODAY. I OWE HIM MY **LIFE**, DROID.

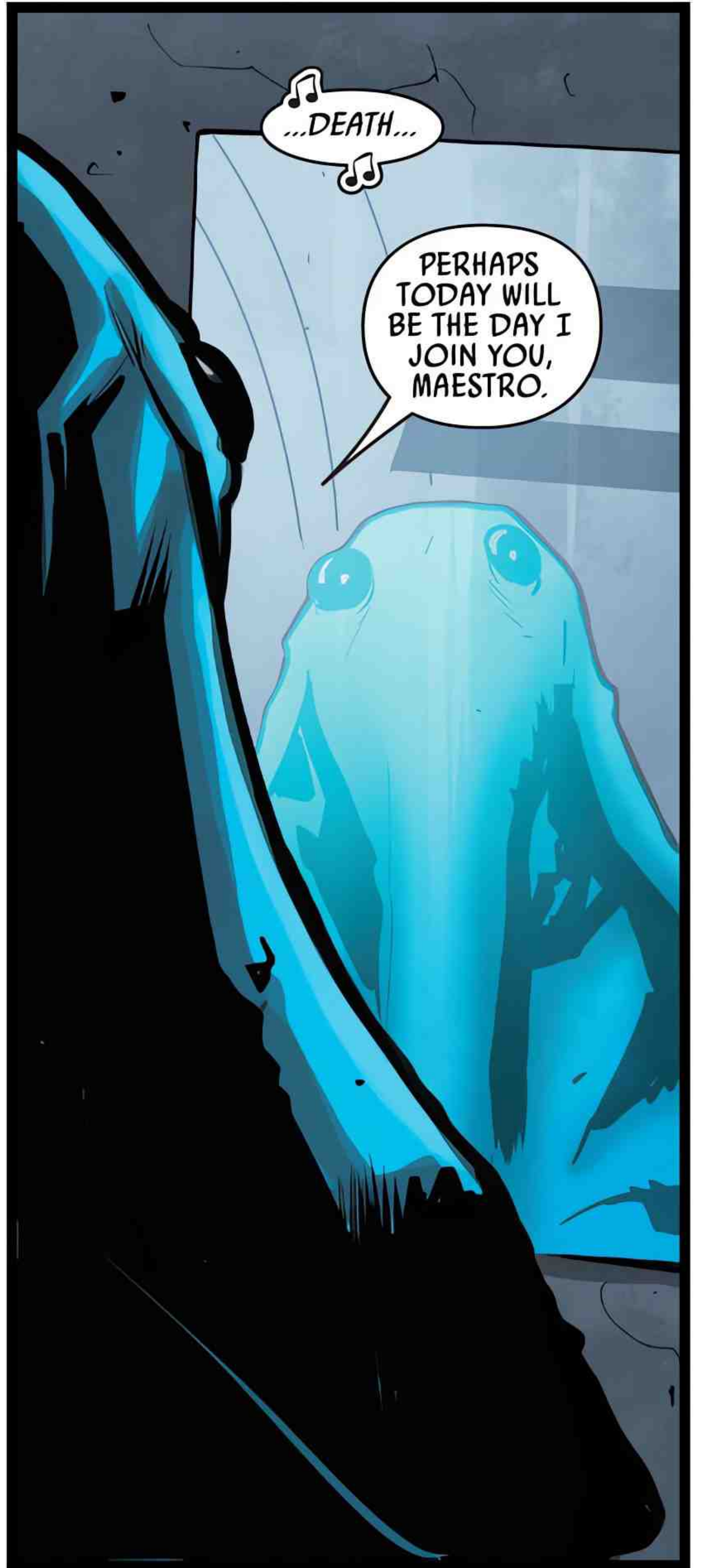
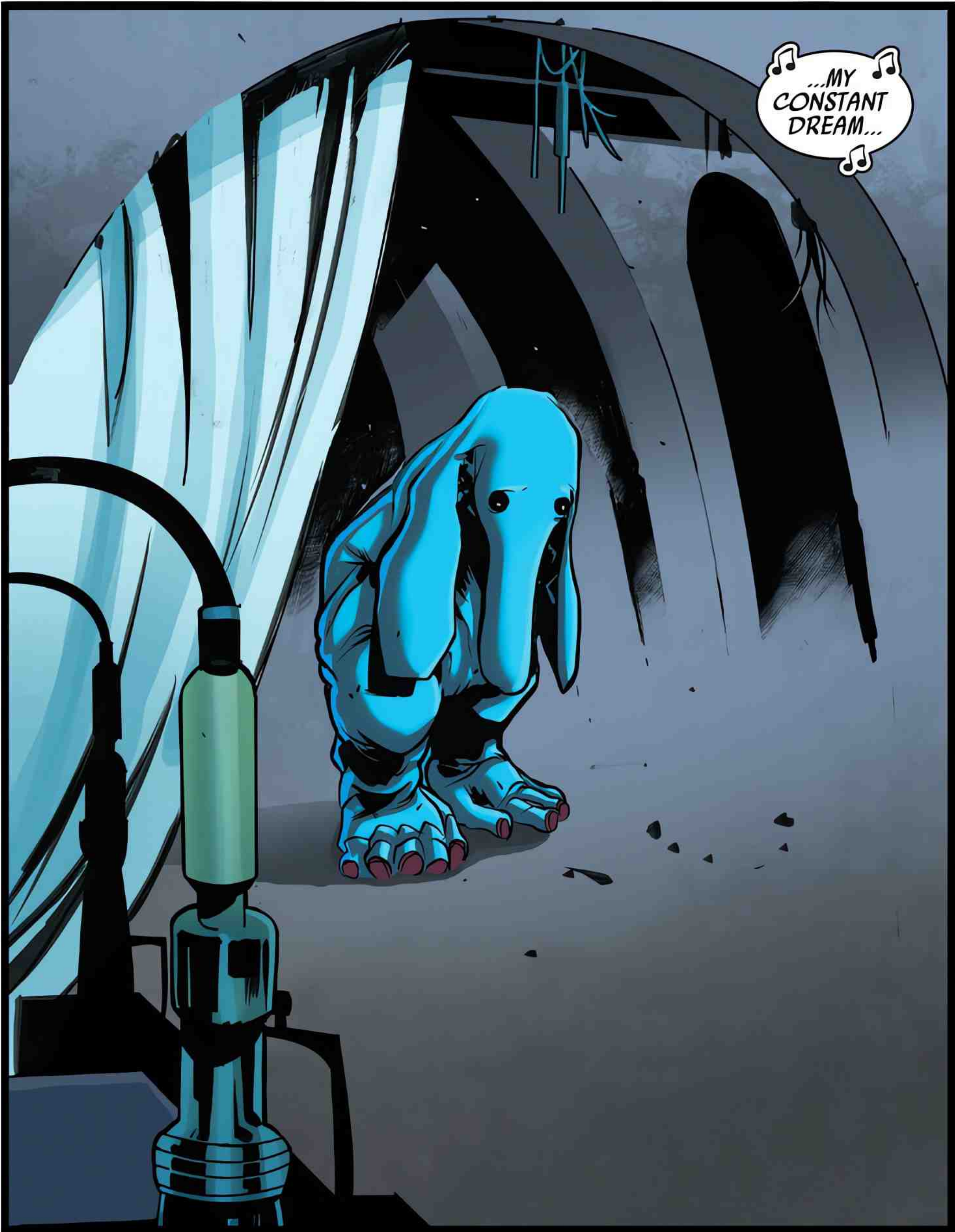
AND I OWE UMPASS MINE, SEVERAL TIMES OVER.



SO ANYTHING--**ANYTHING**--THAT THE CHIEF HAS TO SAY TO ME, IT CAN BE SAID IN FRONT OF AK-REV. CLEAR?

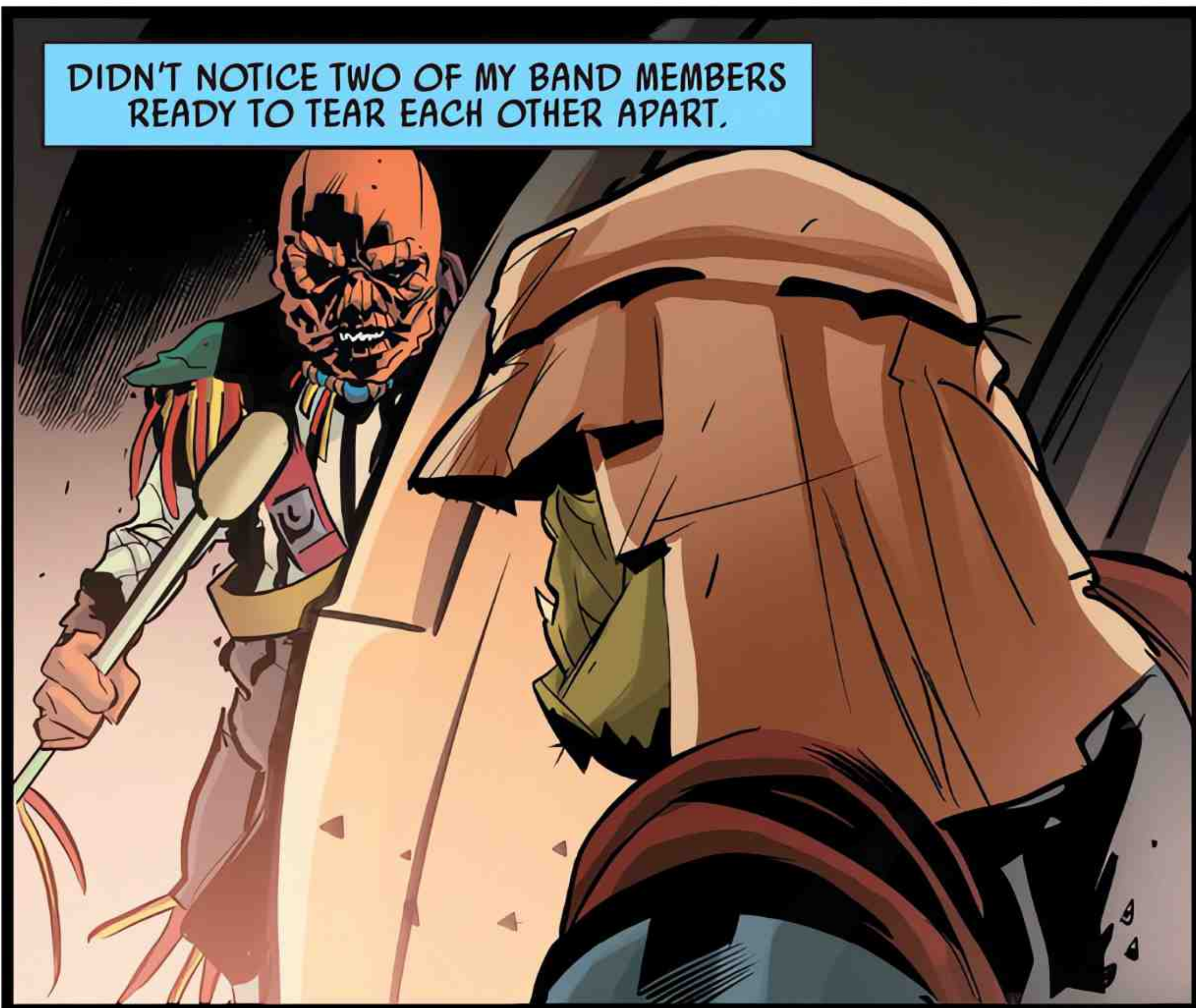
RIGHT-OH! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL, ANYWAY, THE MESSAGE IS SIMPLE...



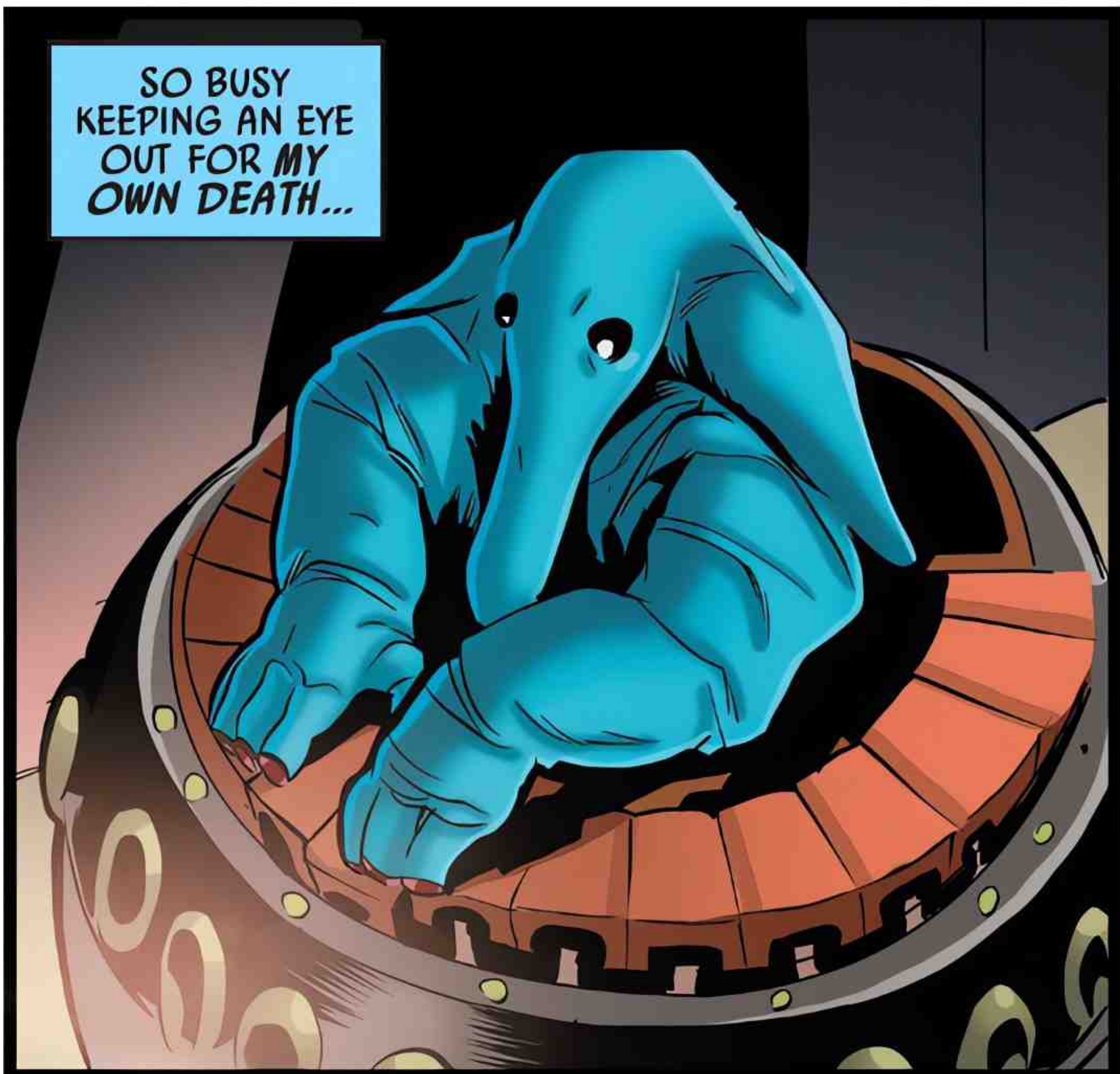




I WAS LOST
IN MYSELF
THAT DAY.



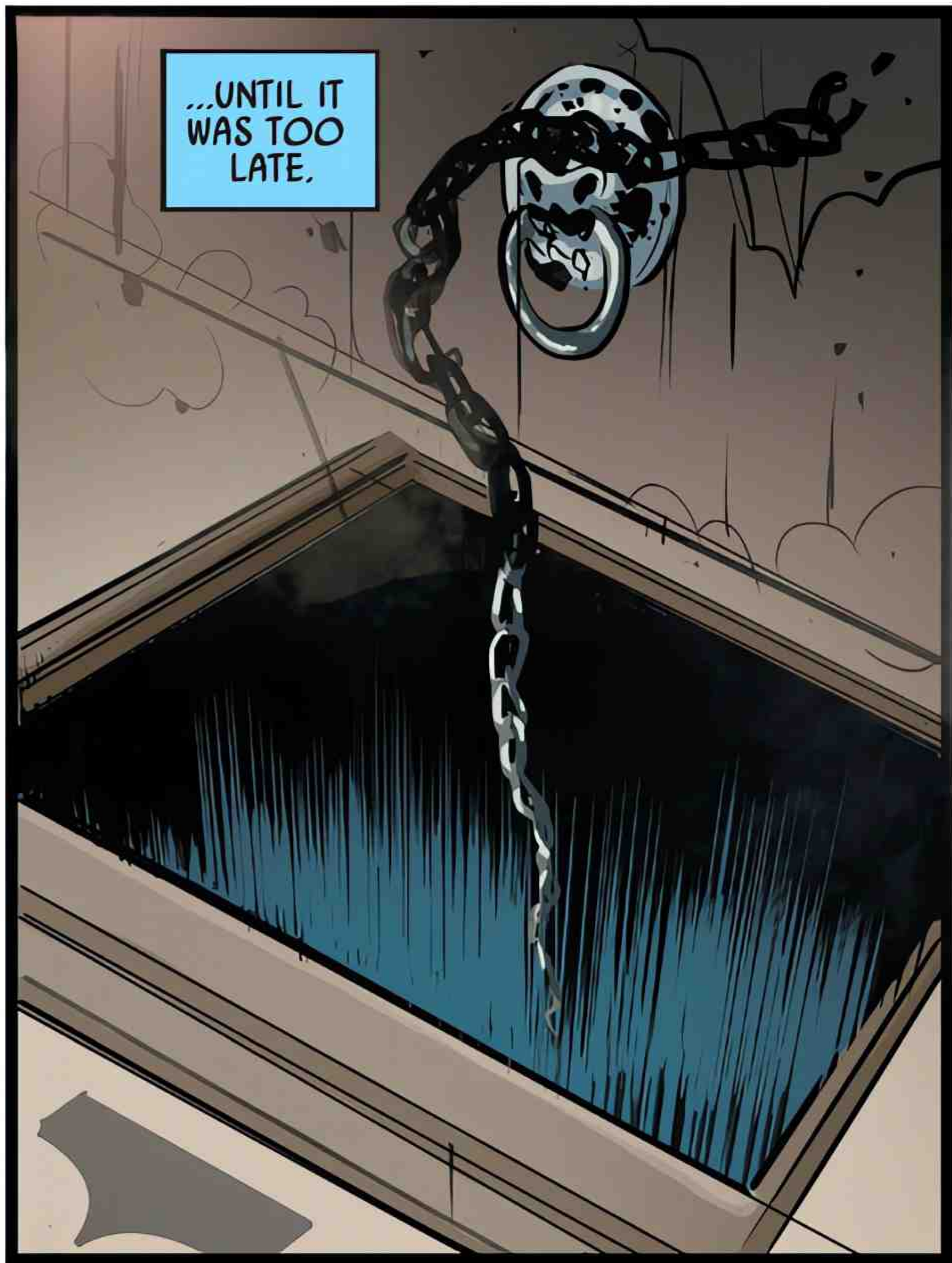
DIDN'T NOTICE TWO OF MY BAND MEMBERS
READY TO TEAR EACH OTHER APART.



SO BUSY
KEEPING AN EYE
OUT FOR MY
OWN DEATH...



...DIDN'T SEE
IT COMING FOR
SOMEONE ELSE...



...UNTIL IT
WAS TOO
LATE.



NOT THAT
THERE WAS
ANYTHING I
COULD'VE
DONE.

OOLA HAD
A SISTER AND
TWO NIECES
BACK ON NAR
SHADDAA.



PEOPLE
WHO CARED
FOR HER.

THE BAND
CARED
FOR HER.



EVEN IF WE
WERE **TOO**
SCARED TO
SHOW IT
OPENLY.

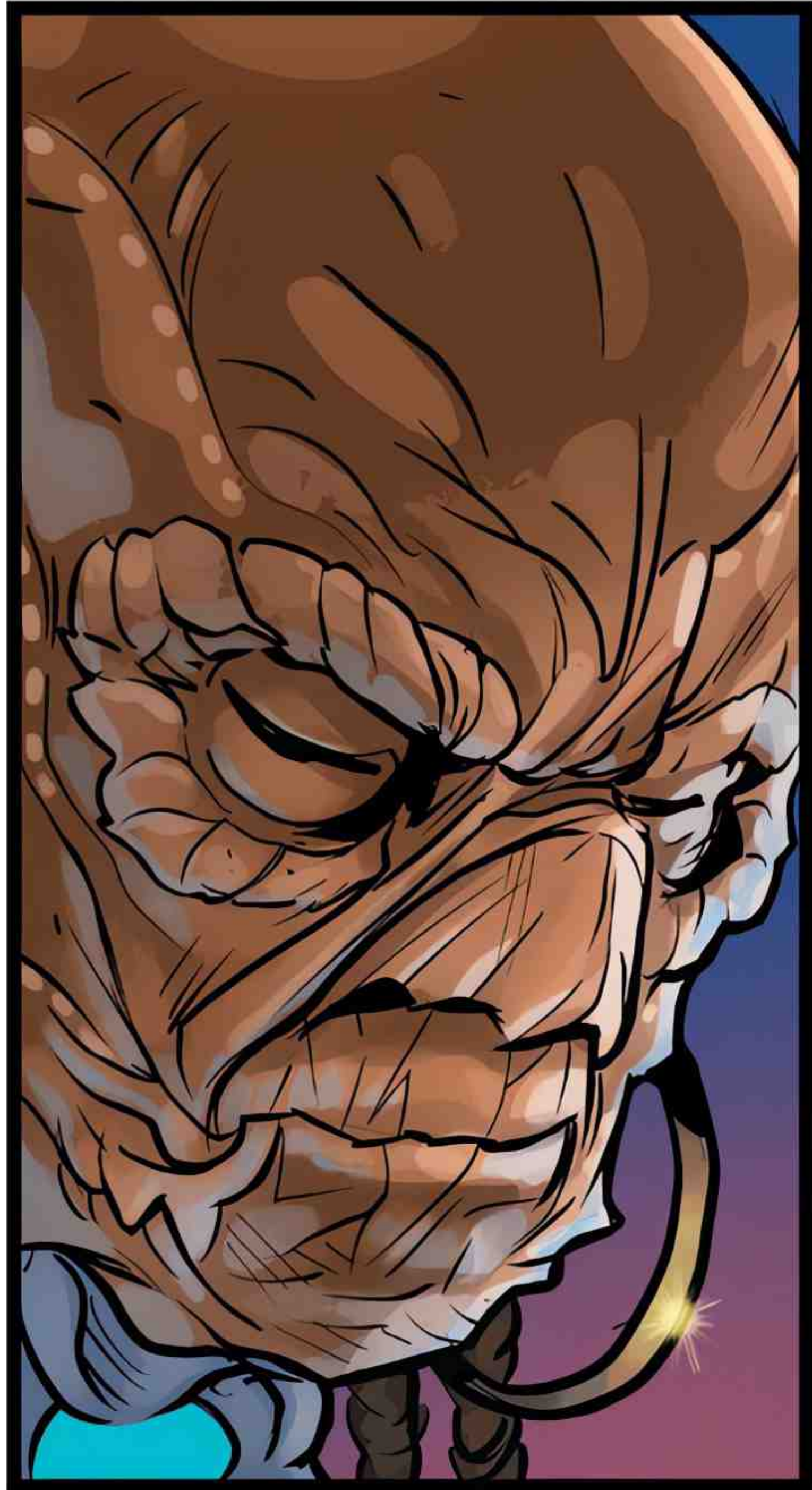
DEATH, MY
CONSTANT
DREAM...

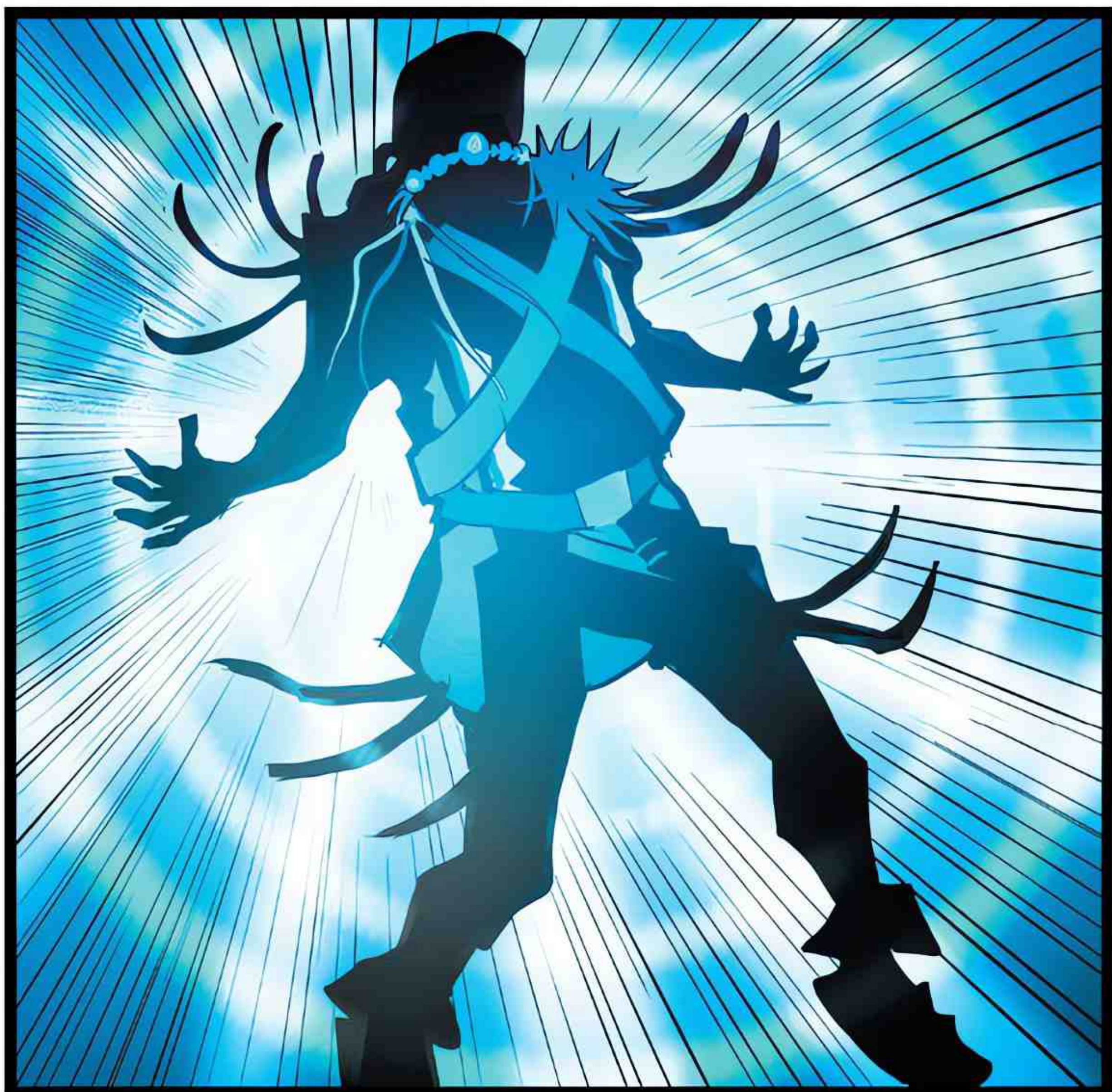
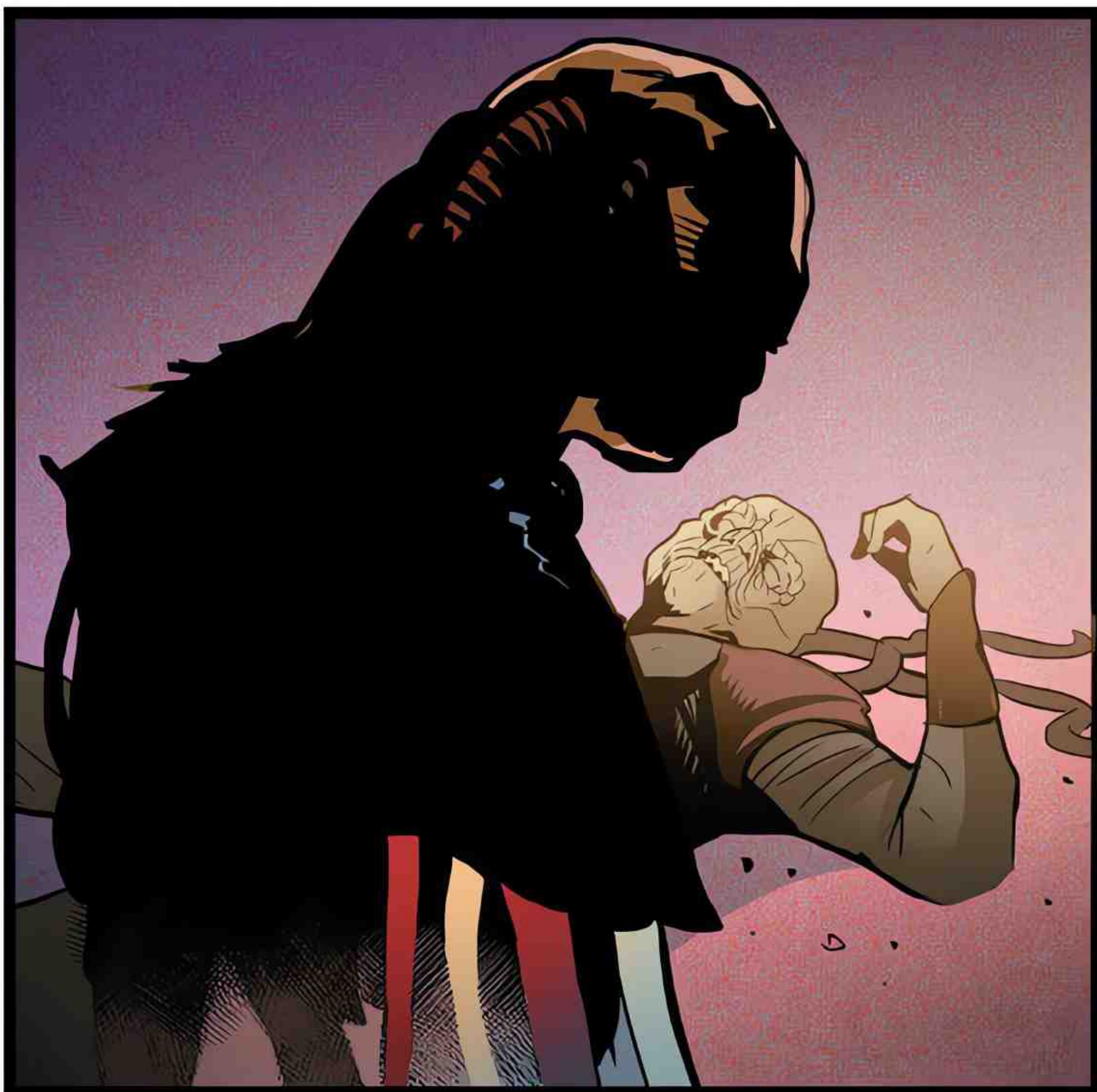
...KEPT CIRCLING
THAT DAY. AS IT
ALWAYS DOES,
ALWAYS WILL...

BECAUSE
HE'S HOLDING
A THERMAL...

...DETONATOR!

ALL I
KNEW
WAS...





...MY
LIFELONG
FRIEND...



...MY
CONSTANT
DREAM...



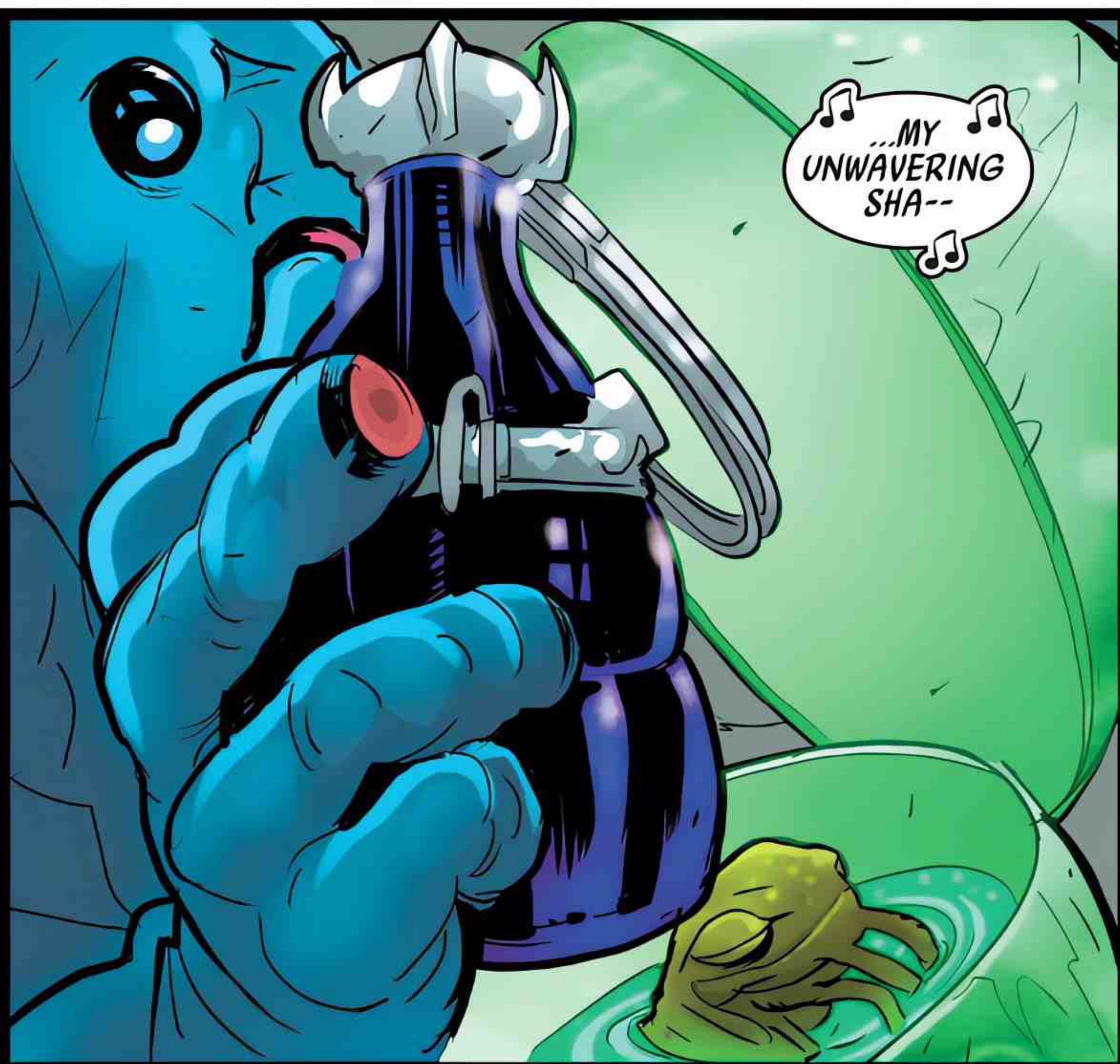
SOMETHING
HAD TO BE
DONE.

...DEATH...



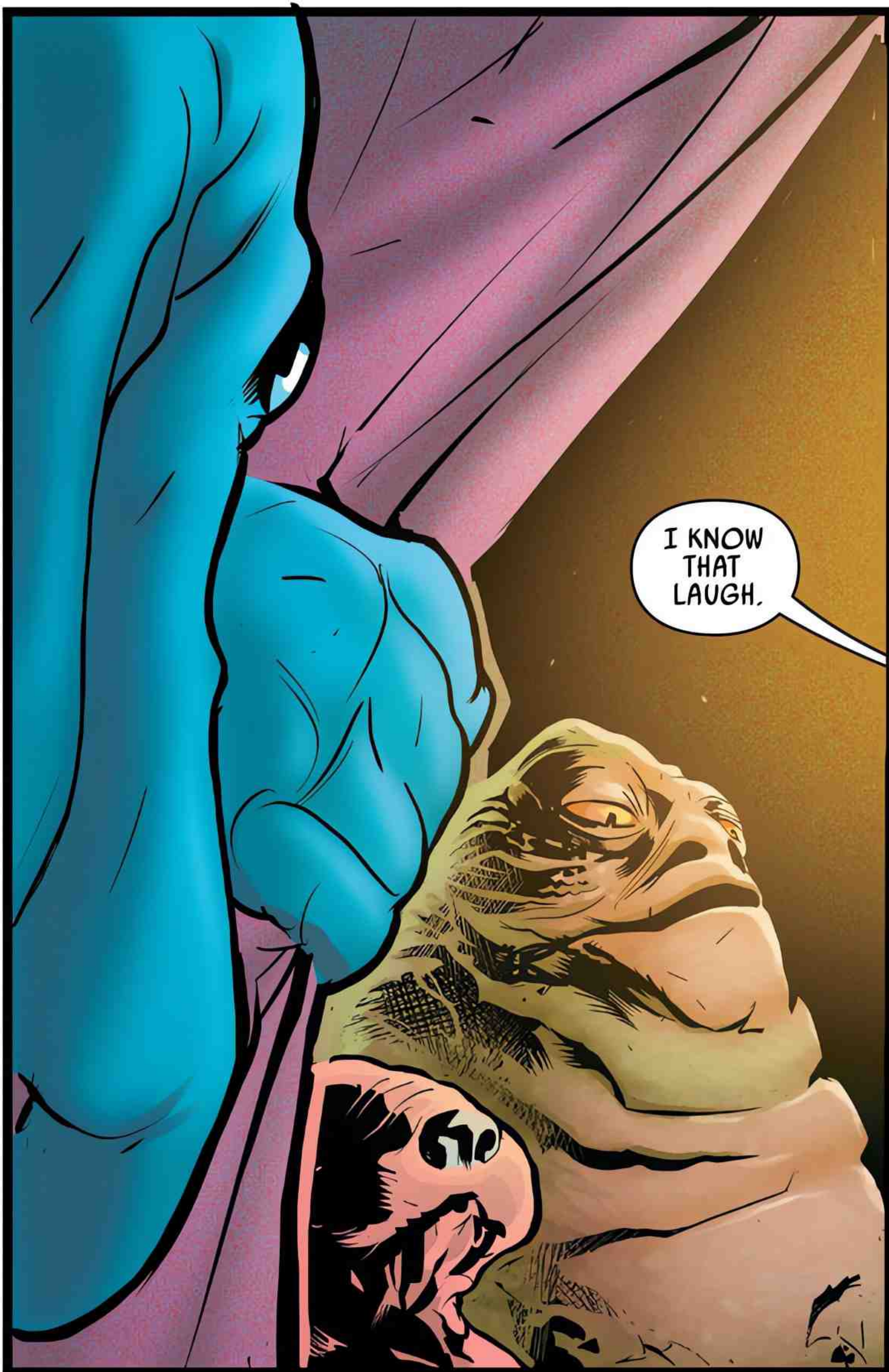
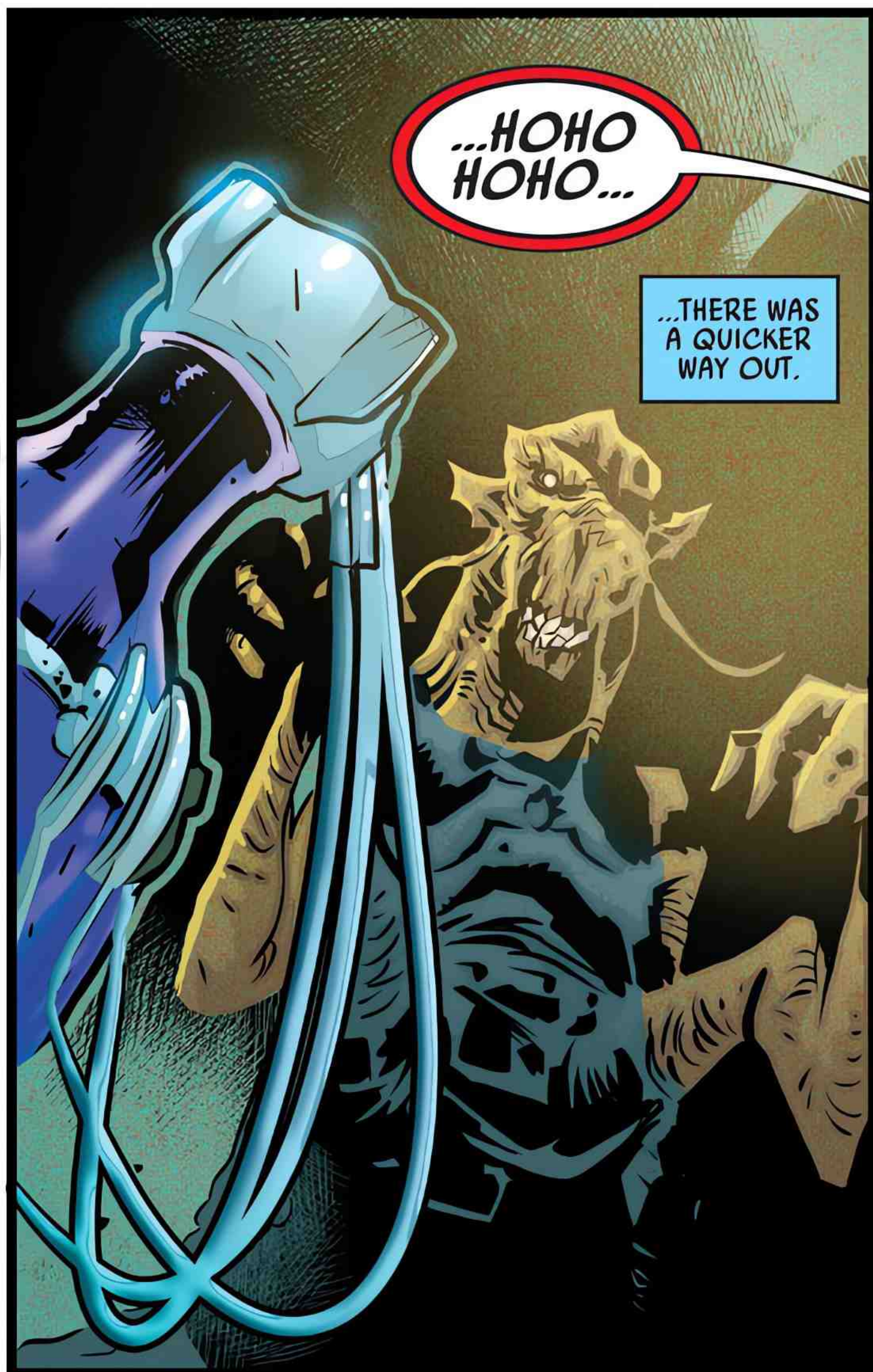
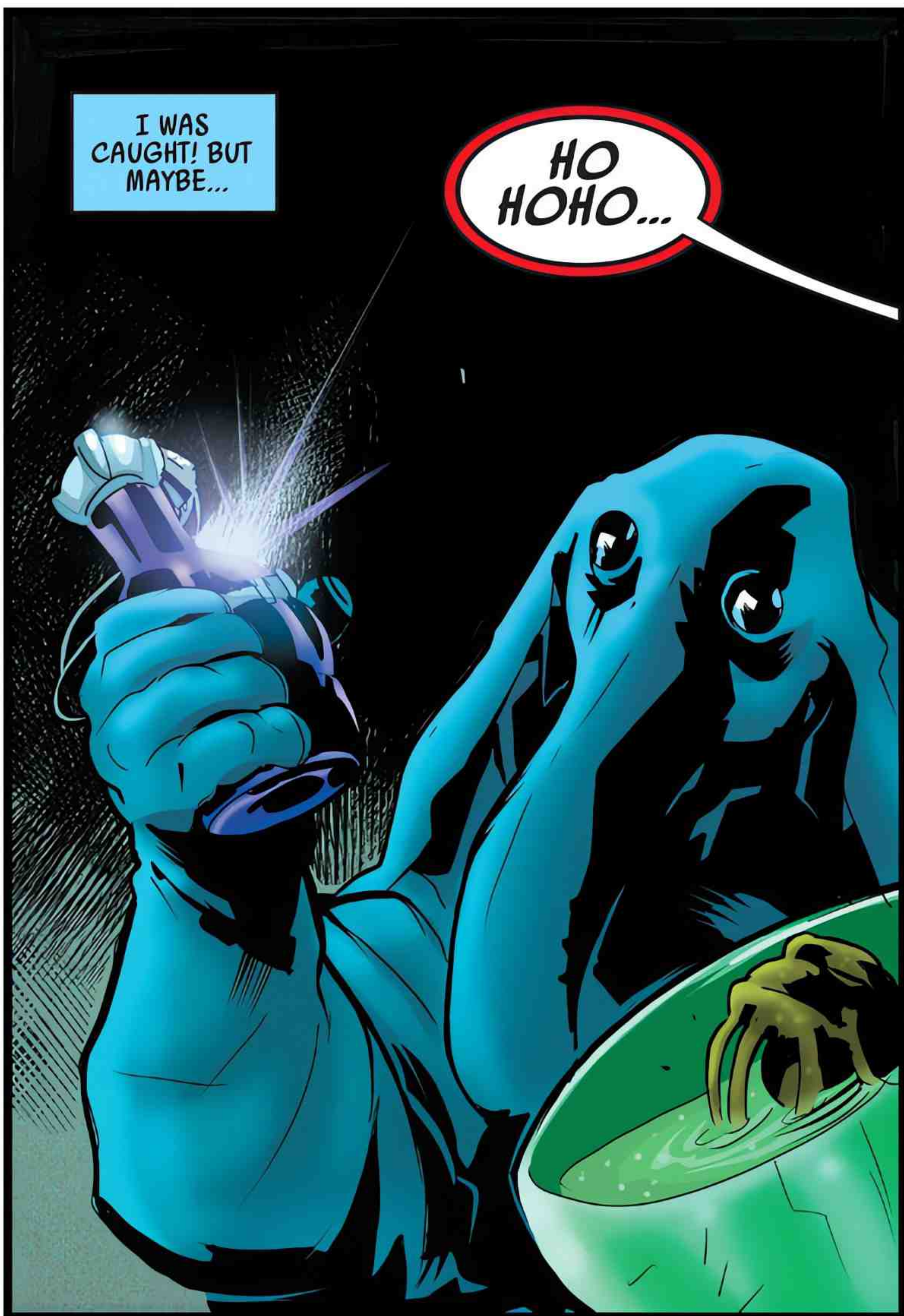
HOW MANY
MORE WOULD
DIE?

...MY
UNWAVERING
SHA--



HOHO
HO!!!







HEY,
JABBA...LOOK,
JABBA...



I WAS
JUST ON MY WAY
TO PAY YOU BACK,
BUT I GOT A LITTLE
SIDETRACKED.



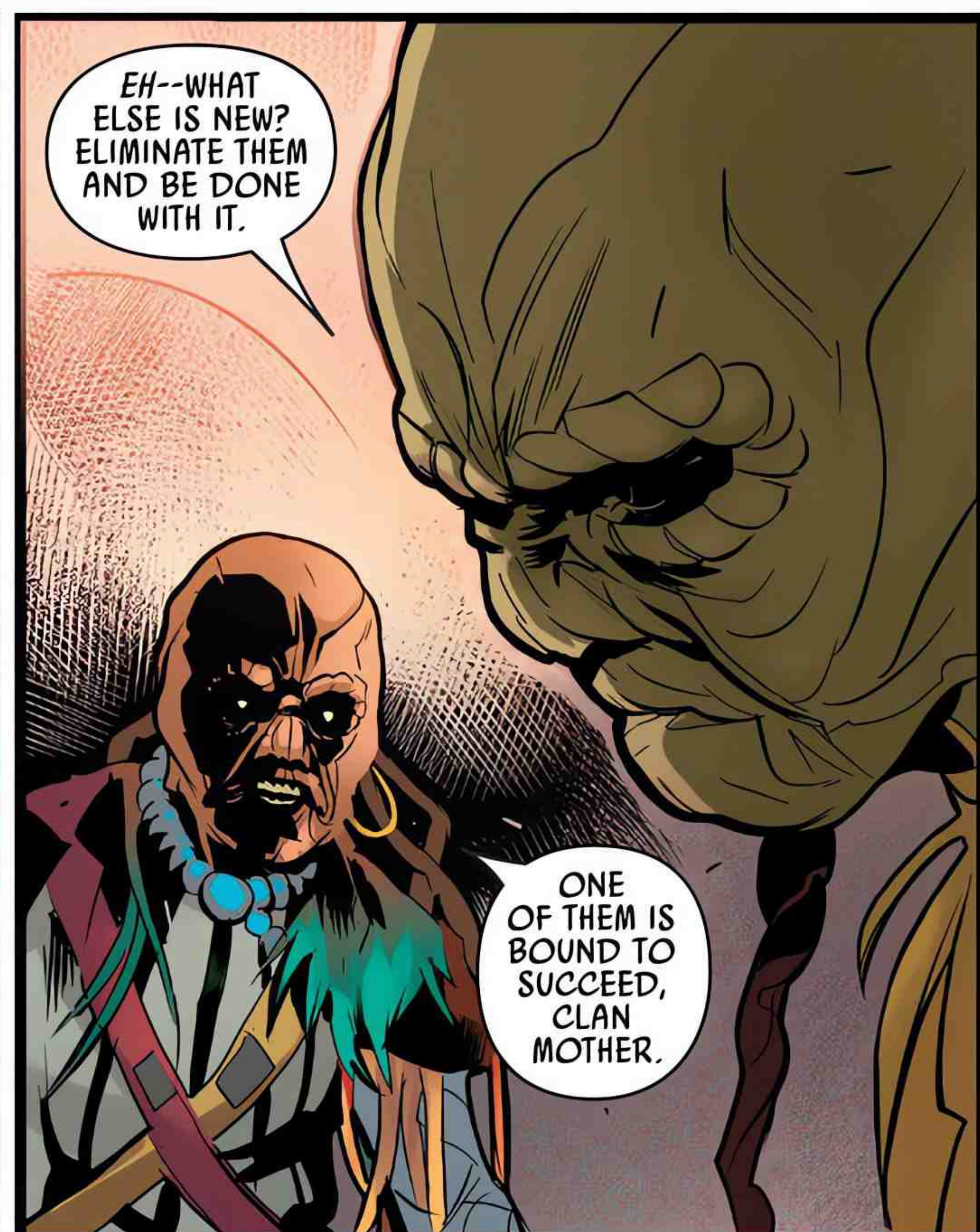
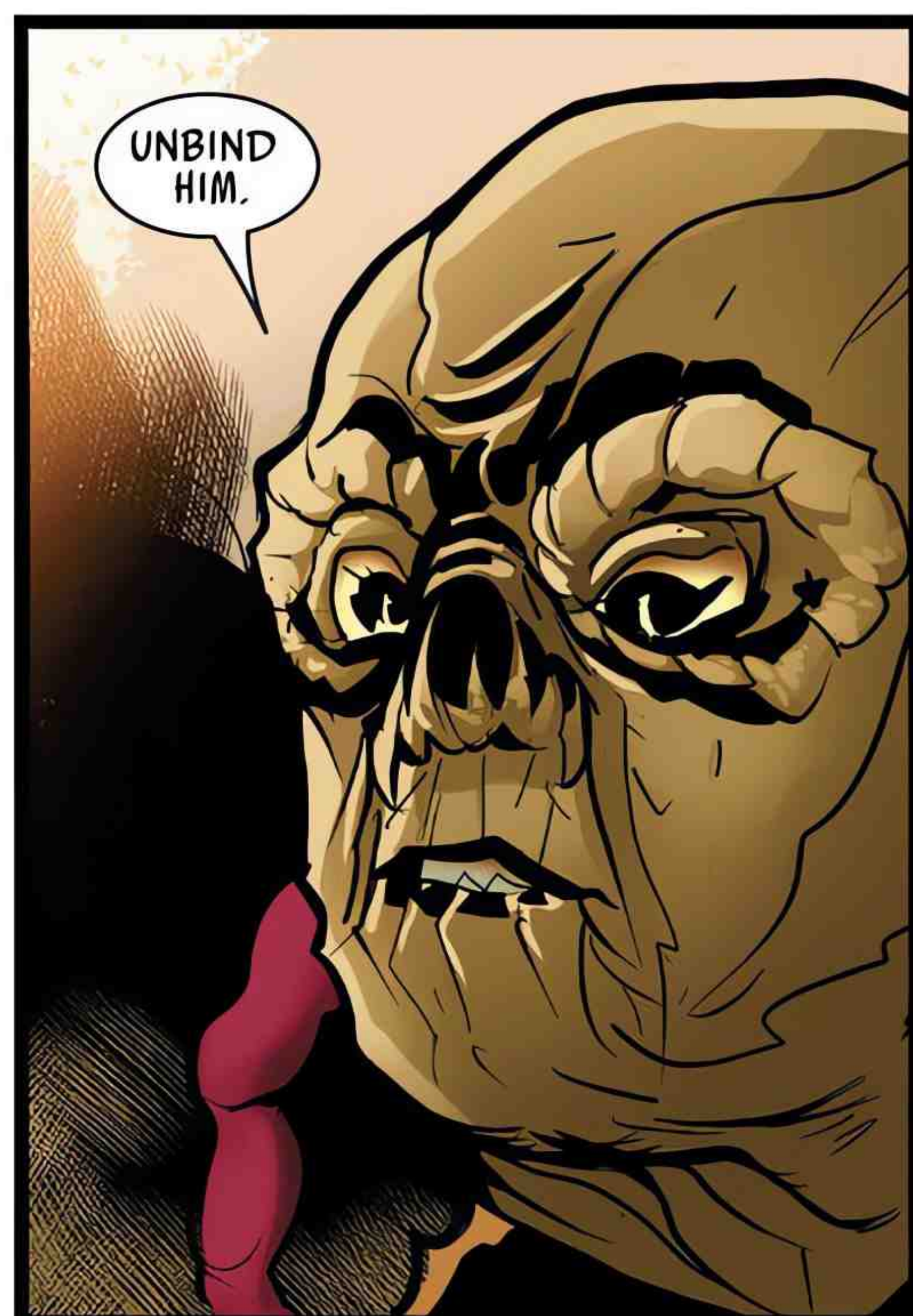
TURNS
OUT...

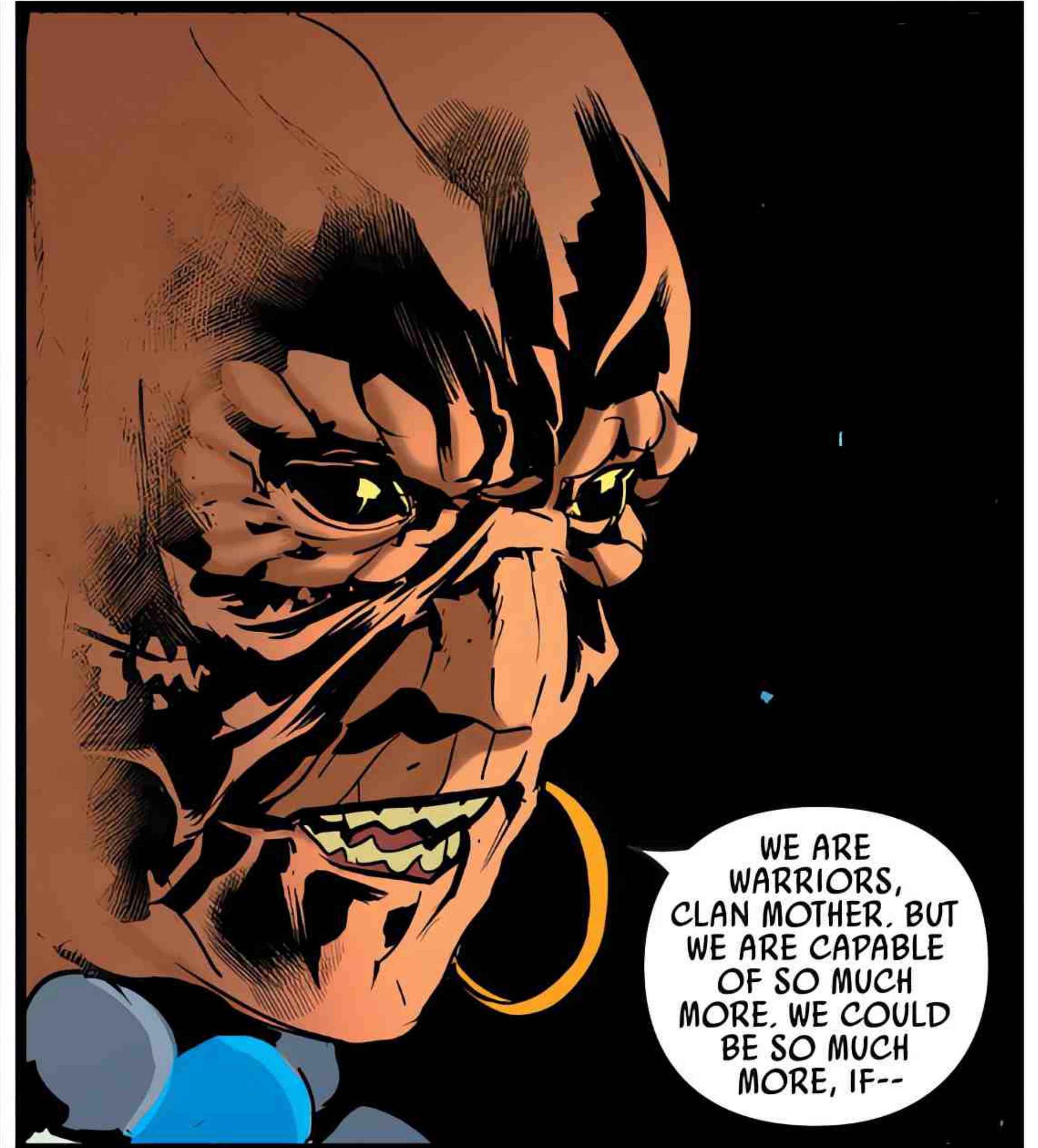
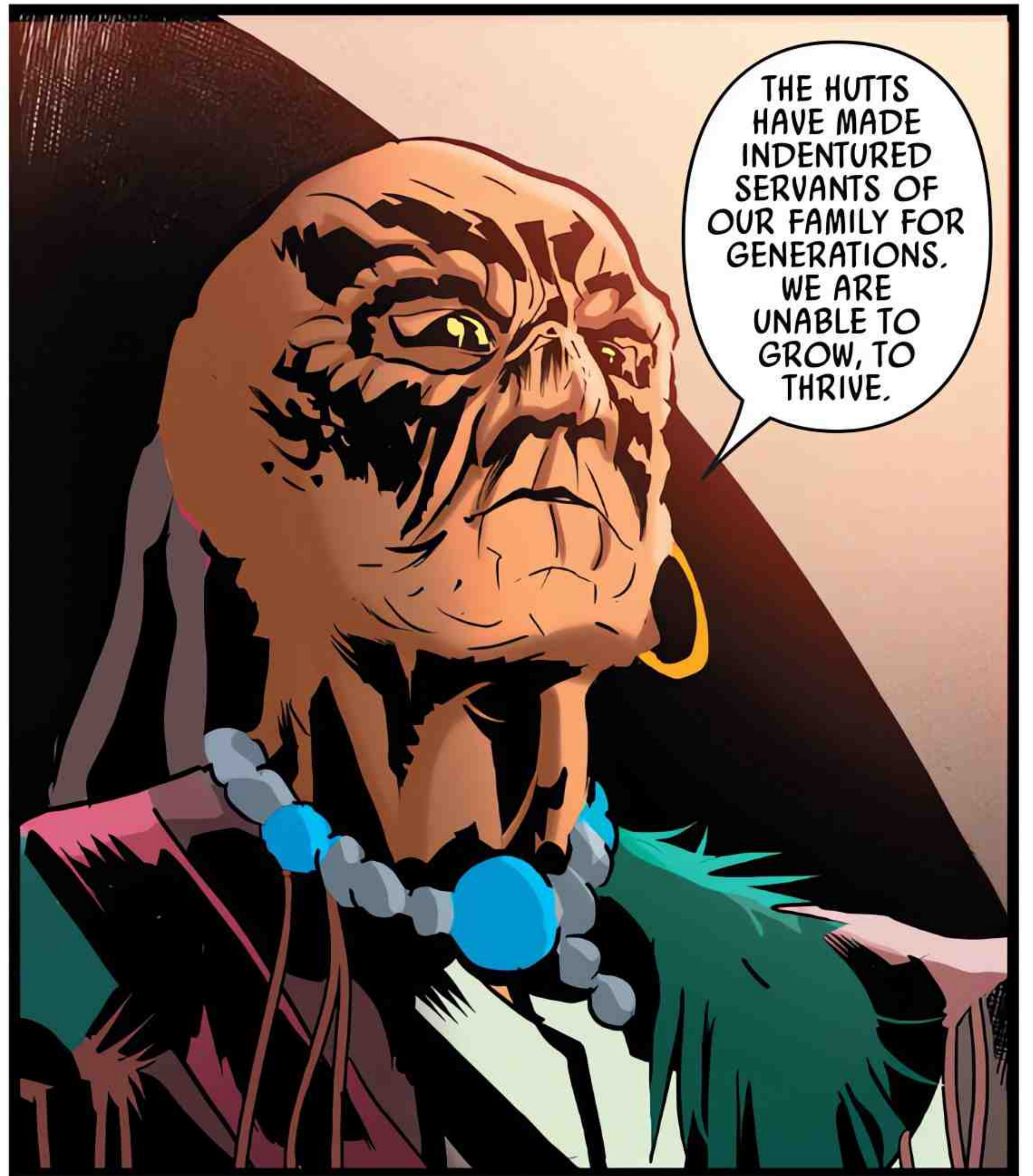


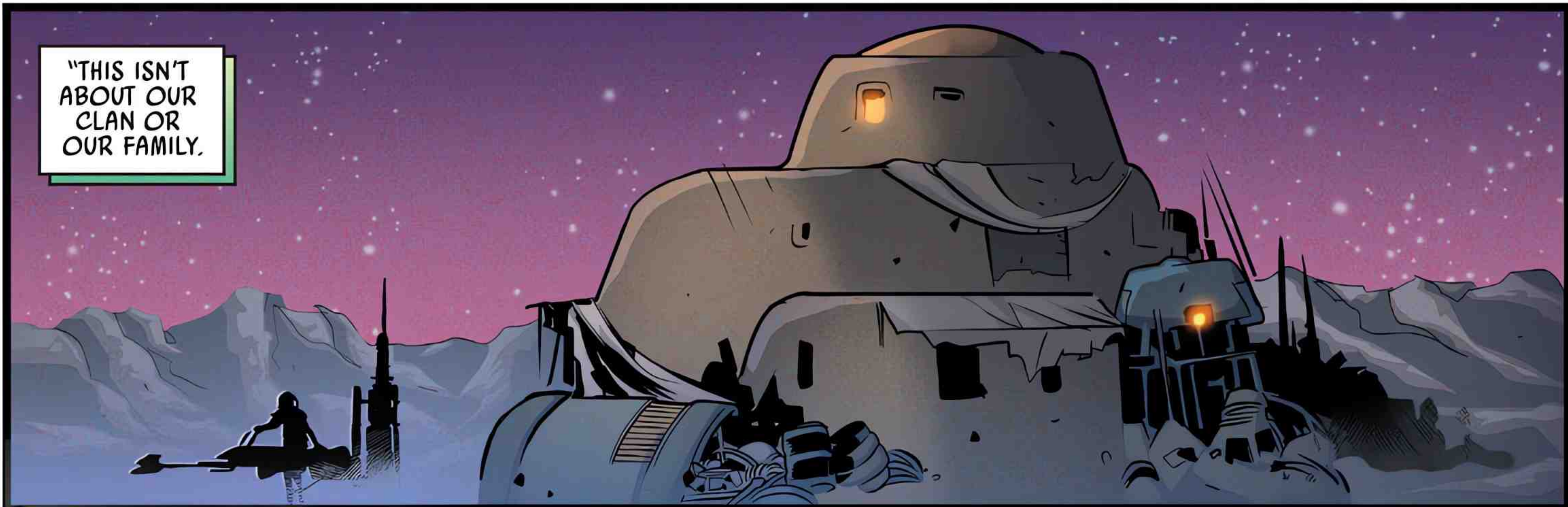
IT'S
NOT MY
FAULT.

<IT'S
TOO LATE
FOR THAT,
SOLO.>

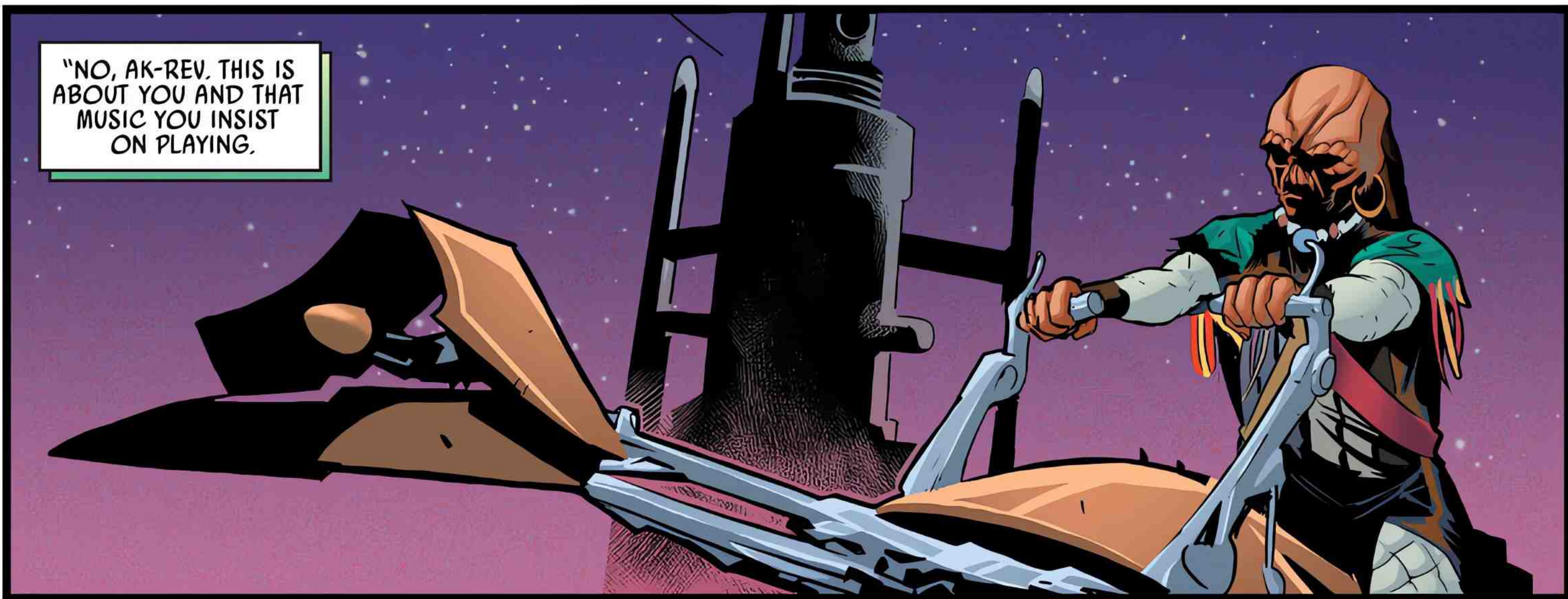
...DEATH WOULD
HAVE TO WAIT A
LITTLE LONGER
FOR BOTH ME
AND JABBA.







"THIS ISN'T
ABOUT OUR
CLAN OR
OUR FAMILY.



"NO, AK-REV. THIS IS
ABOUT YOU AND THAT
MUSIC YOU INSIST
ON PLAYING.



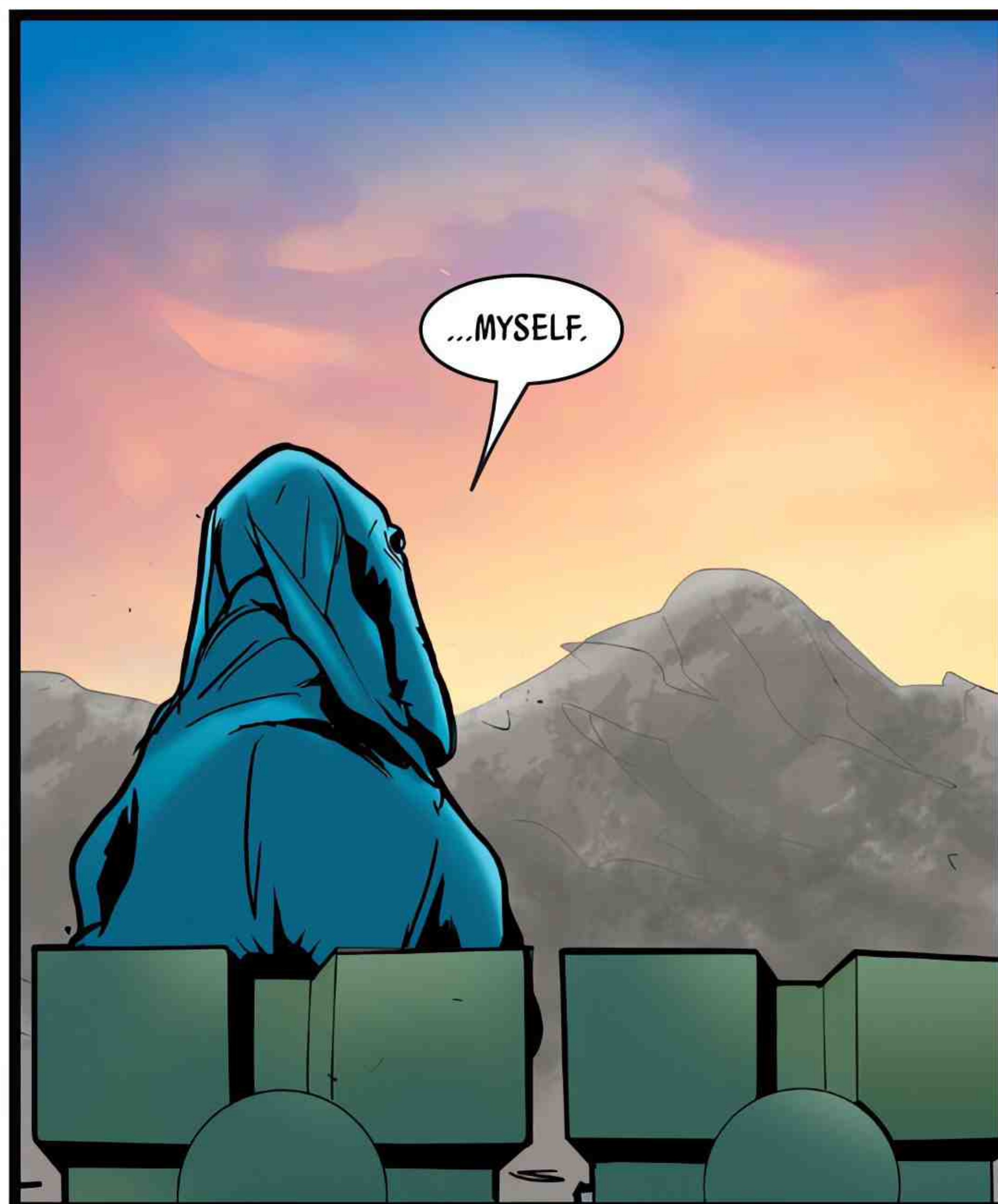
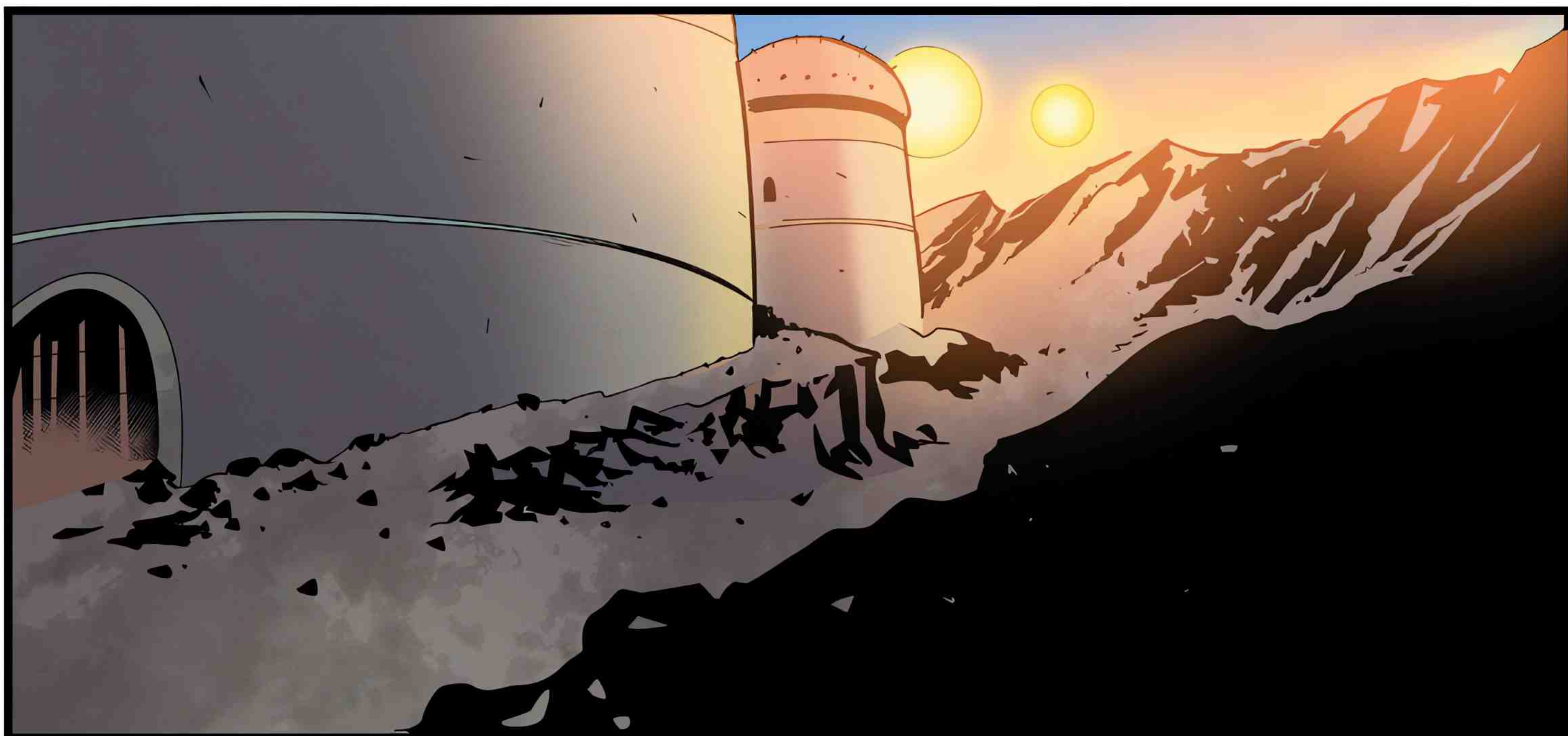
"GO BACK
TO JABBA'S
PALACE,
AK-REV.

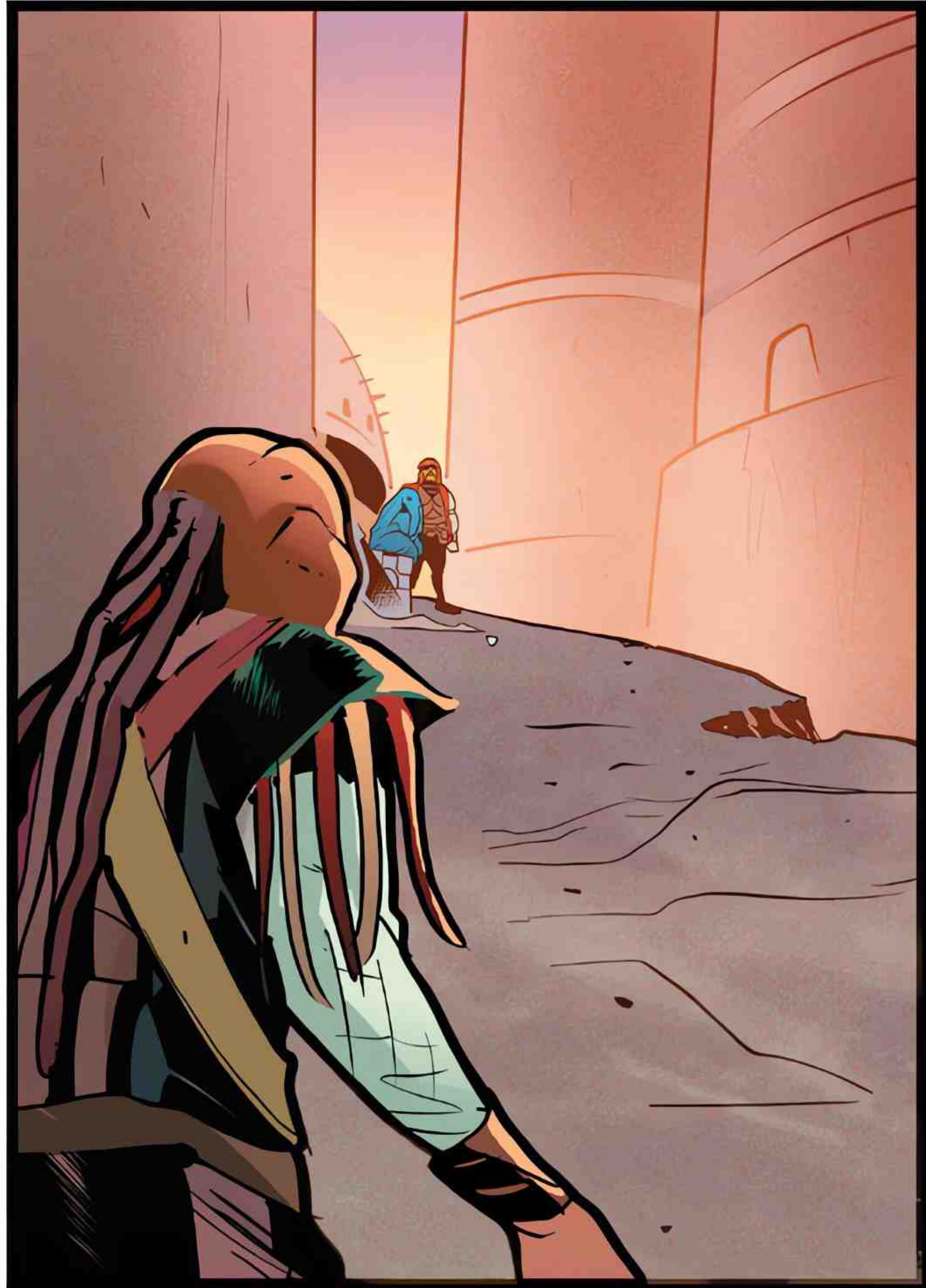


"ROOT OUT AND
DESTROY ANY
ASSASSINS PLOTTING
ON THE EXALTED
ONE, AS IS YOUR
SWORN DUTY...



"...OR I'LL HAVE THAT
BAND YOU PLAY WITH
WIPED OUT ENTIRELY,
ALONG WITH EVERYONE
THEY LOVE."







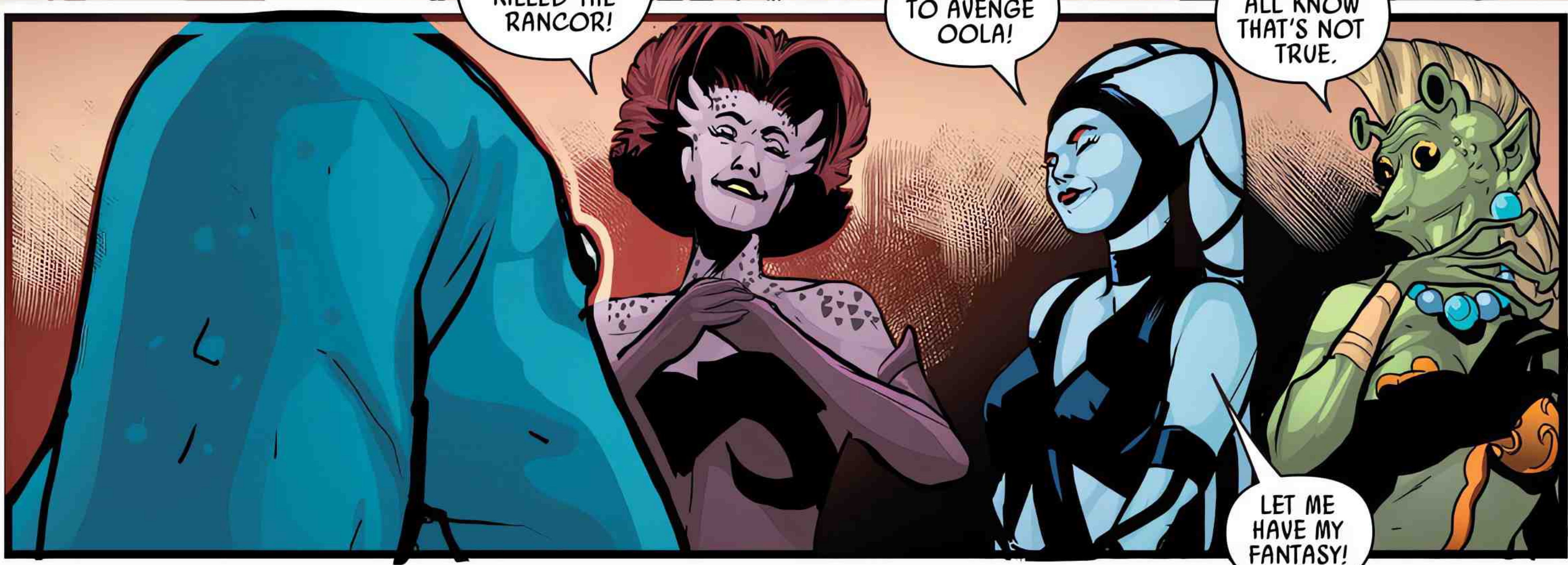
YOU WILL THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO THE DUNE SEA AND CAST INTO THE PIT OF CARKOON, THE NESTING PLACE OF THE ALL-POWERFUL SARLACC.

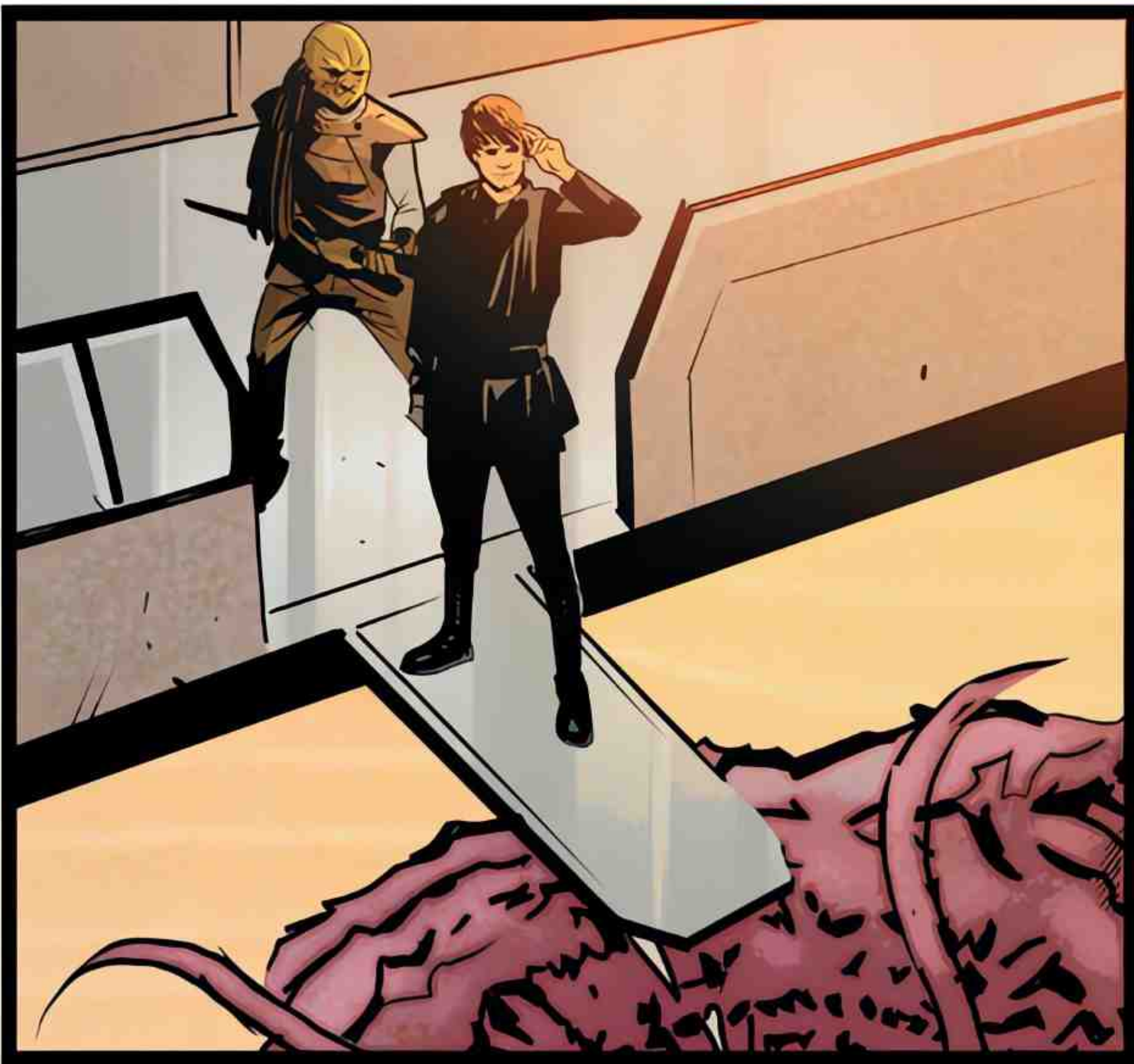
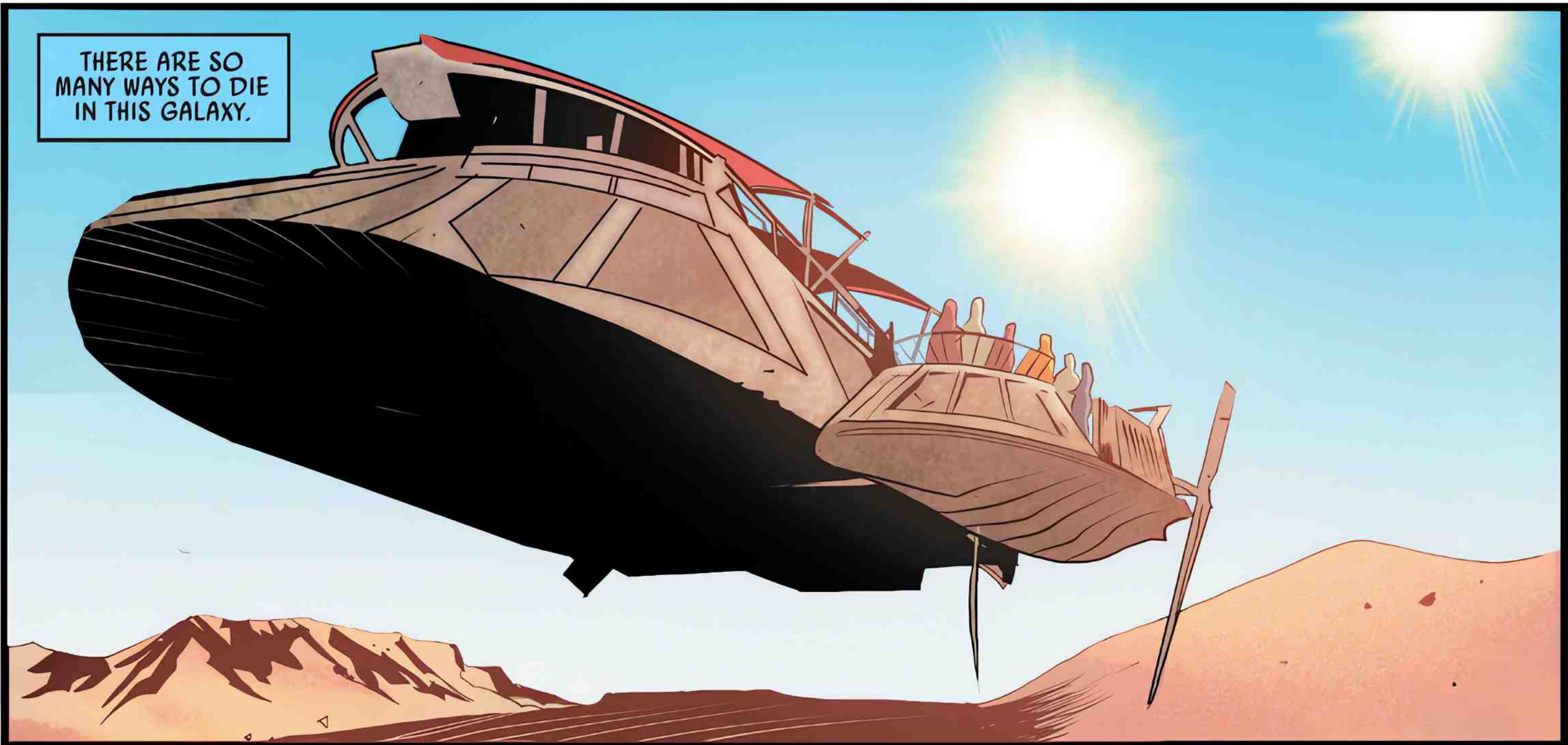


THAT DASHING MAN IN BLACK KILLED THE RANCOR!

HE DID IT TO AVENGE OOLA!

NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE.





OLD QUEZ USED
TO SAY THERE'S A
SONG FOR EACH
ONE OF THEM.

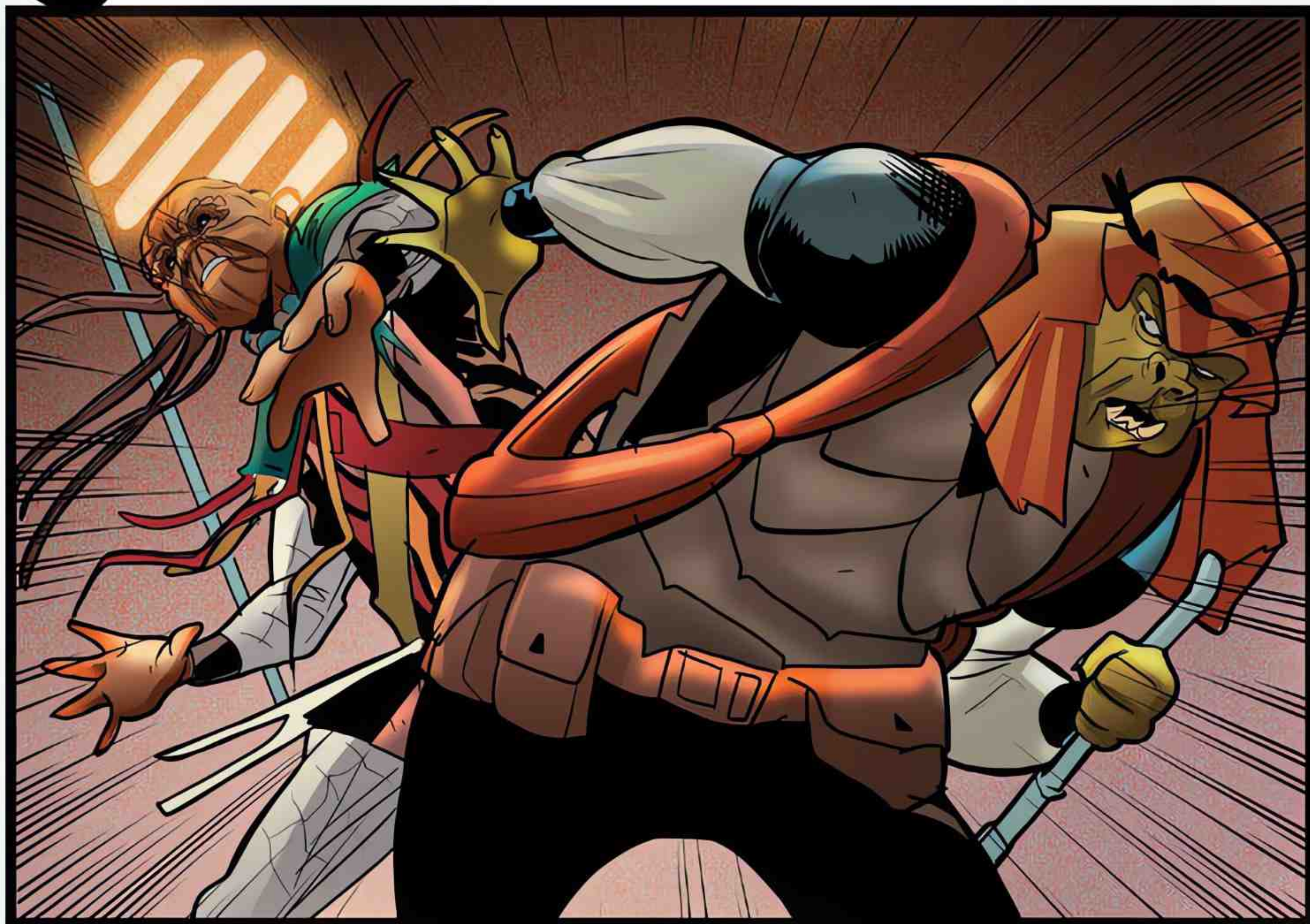
THAT MUSIC
IS THE ONLY
THING BIGGER
THAN DEATH.

BECAUSE WHEN DEATH
STOPS EVERYTHING
ELSE IN ITS TRACKS,
MUSIC PLAYS ON.

I'M PRETTY
SURE, WHEN
THE LIGHTS
CUT OUT...

...WE ALL THREE
HAD THE SAME
THOUGHT.









HELPLESSLY, I
WATCHED THEM. PLAYED
MUSIC AS THEY SLIPPED
AWAY SOMETIMES.

YOU
FOOL! YOU'LL
GET US ALL
KILLED!



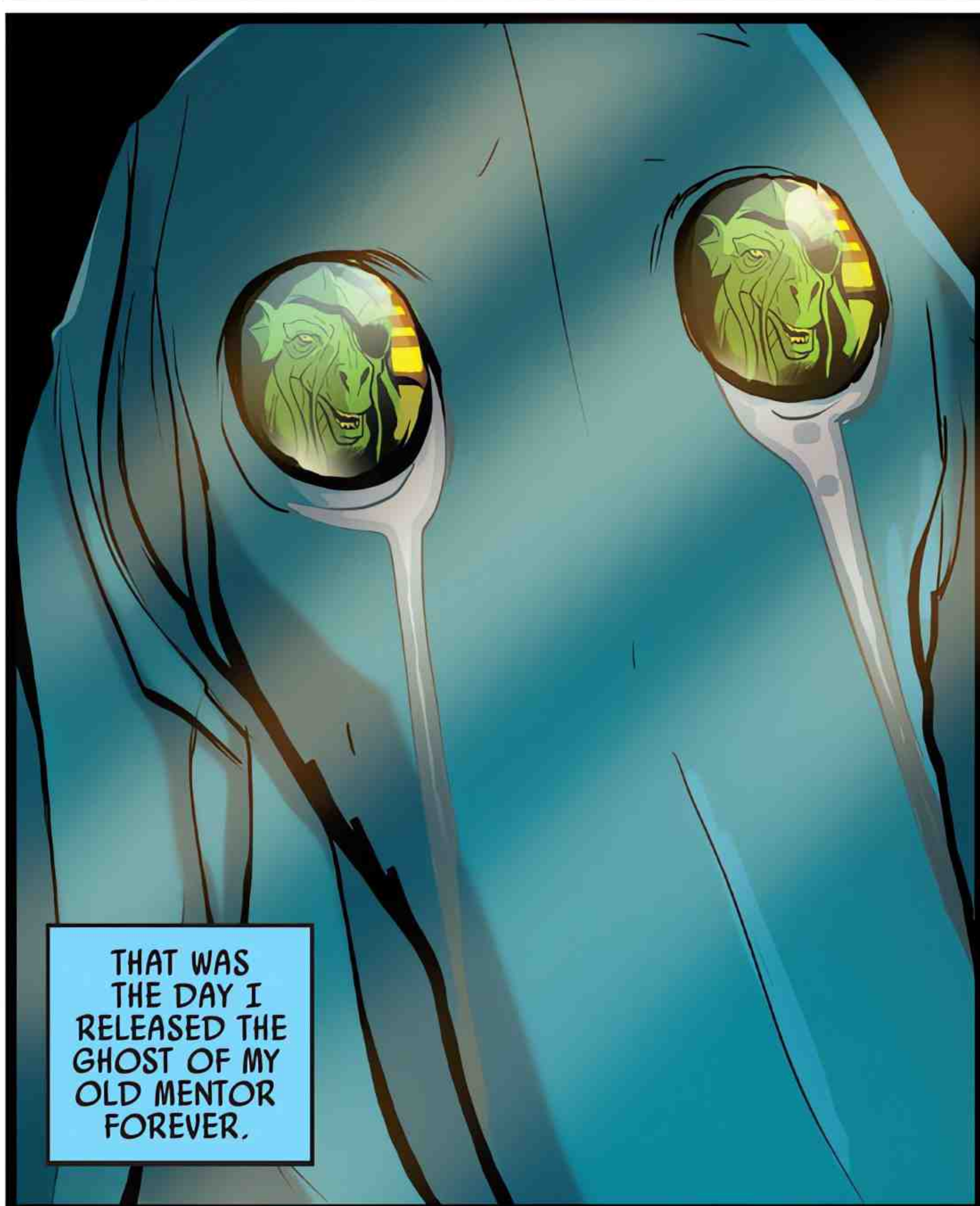
THAT WAS
THE DAY I
FINALLY
SAID...



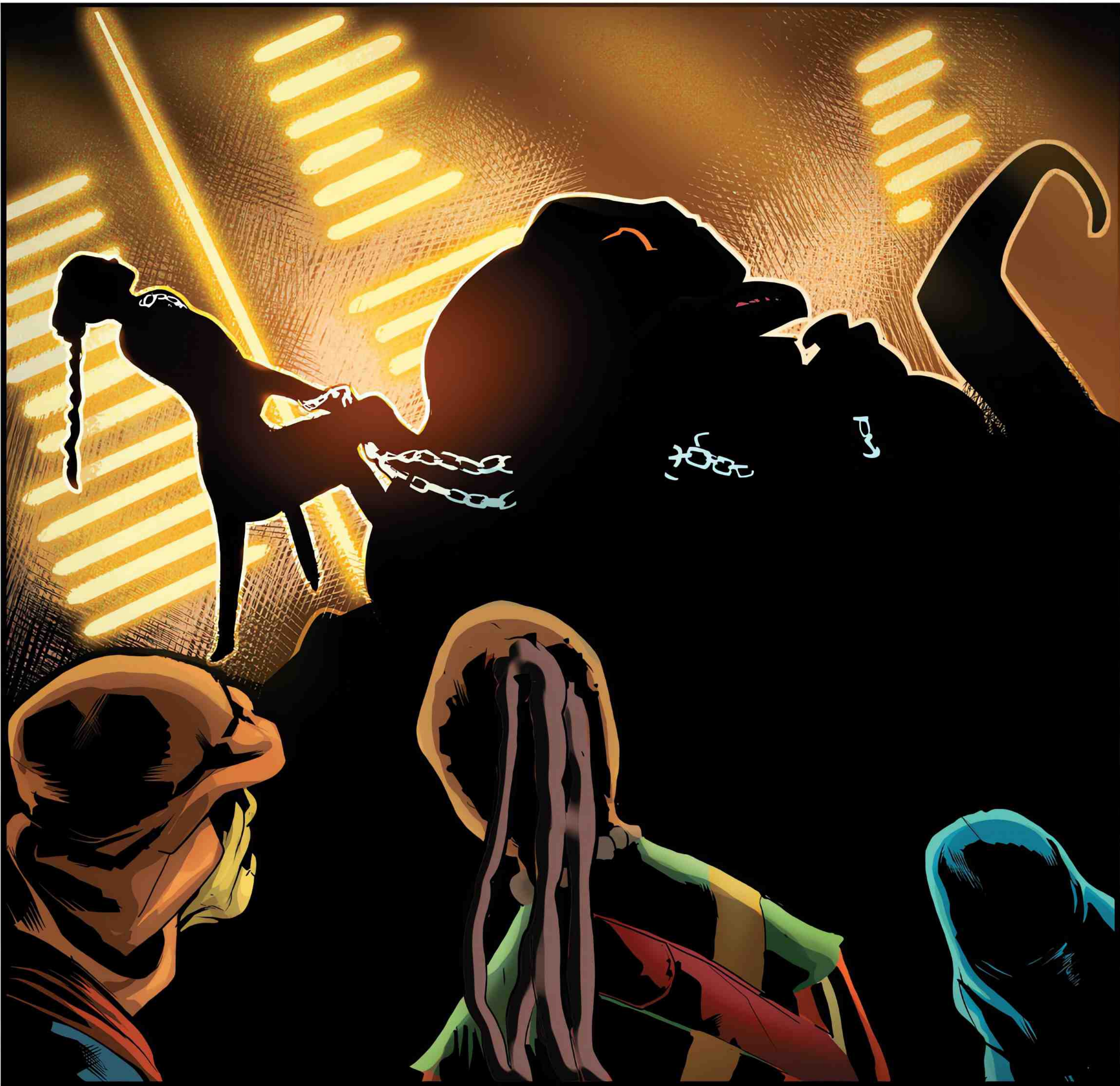
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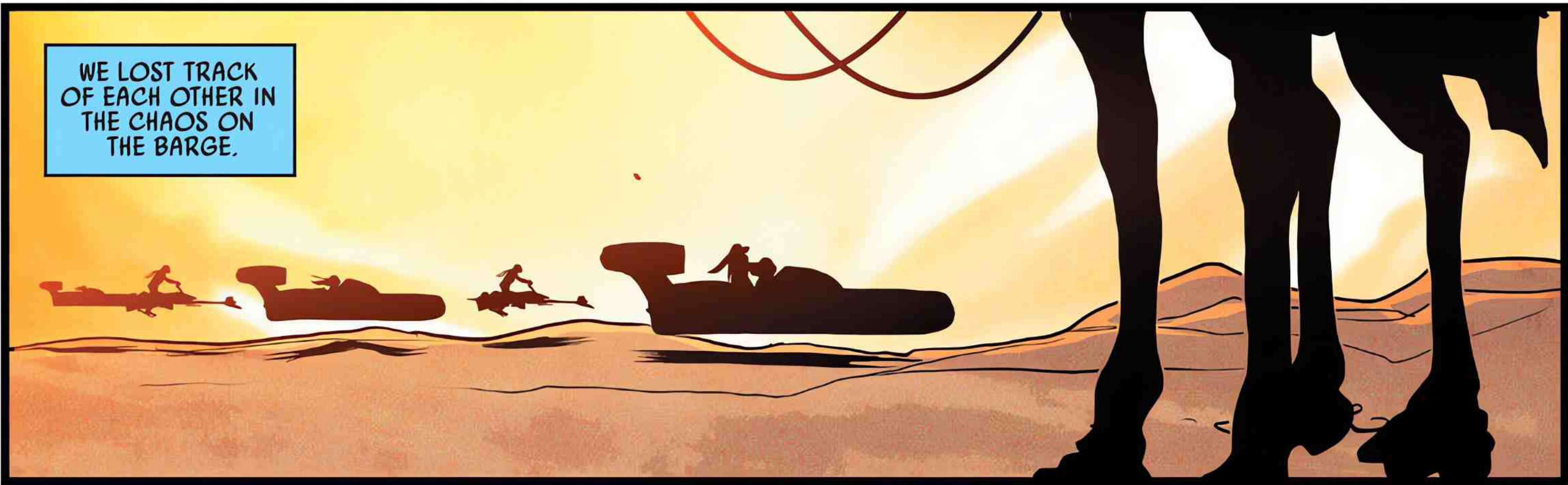


NO
MORE.



THAT WAS
THE DAY I
RELEASED THE
GHOST OF MY
OLD MENTOR
FOREVER.





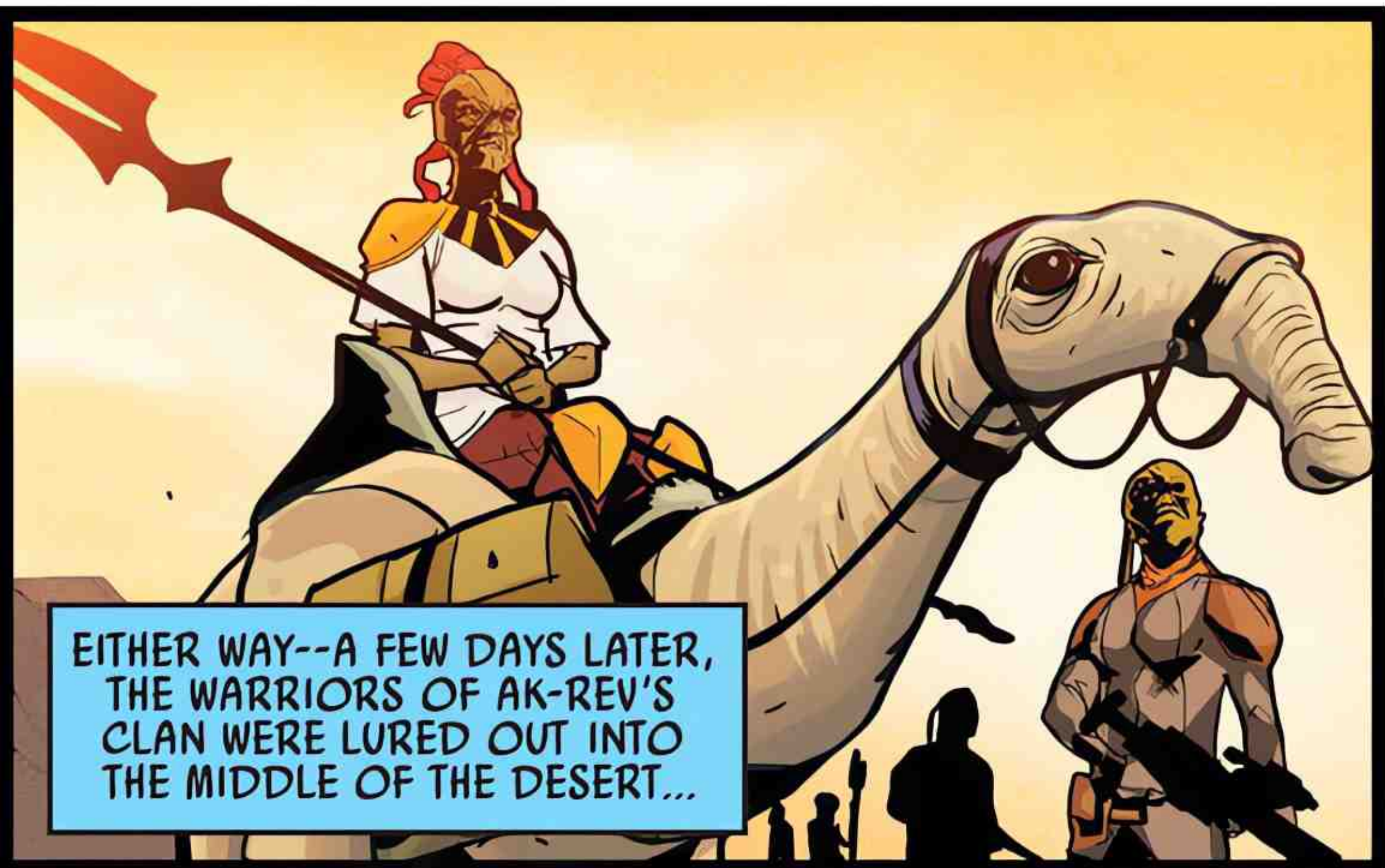
WE LOST TRACK
OF EACH OTHER IN
THE CHAOS ON
THE BARGE.



AFTER ALL
THAT, I DON'T
EVEN KNOW IF
THEY MADE IT
OUT ALIVE.



MAYBE IT
WASN'T THEM
I WAS SAVING
AFTER ALL--
IT WAS ME.



EITHER WAY--A FEW DAYS LATER,
THE WARRIORS OF AK-REV'S
CLAN WERE LURED OUT INTO
THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT...



...AND NEVER
HEARD FROM
AGAIN.



THERE ARE SO
MANY WAYS TO
DIE IN THIS
GALAXY...

...AND A
SONG FOR
EACH ONE...



...BUT
TODAY, I WILL
PLAY A NEW
SONG...

...A
SONG OF
LIFE.

The End.

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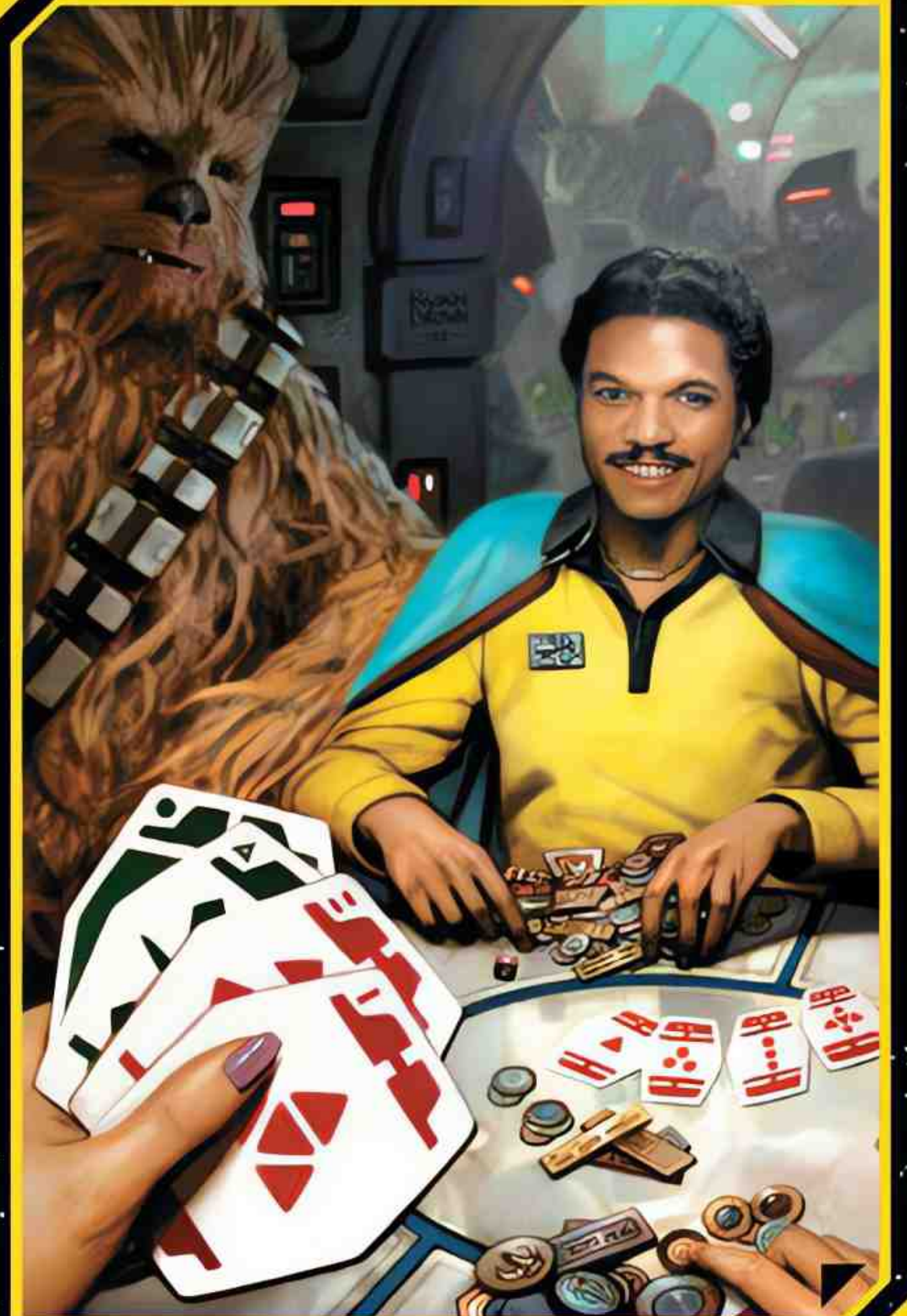
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JABBA'S PALACE
ON SALE NOW



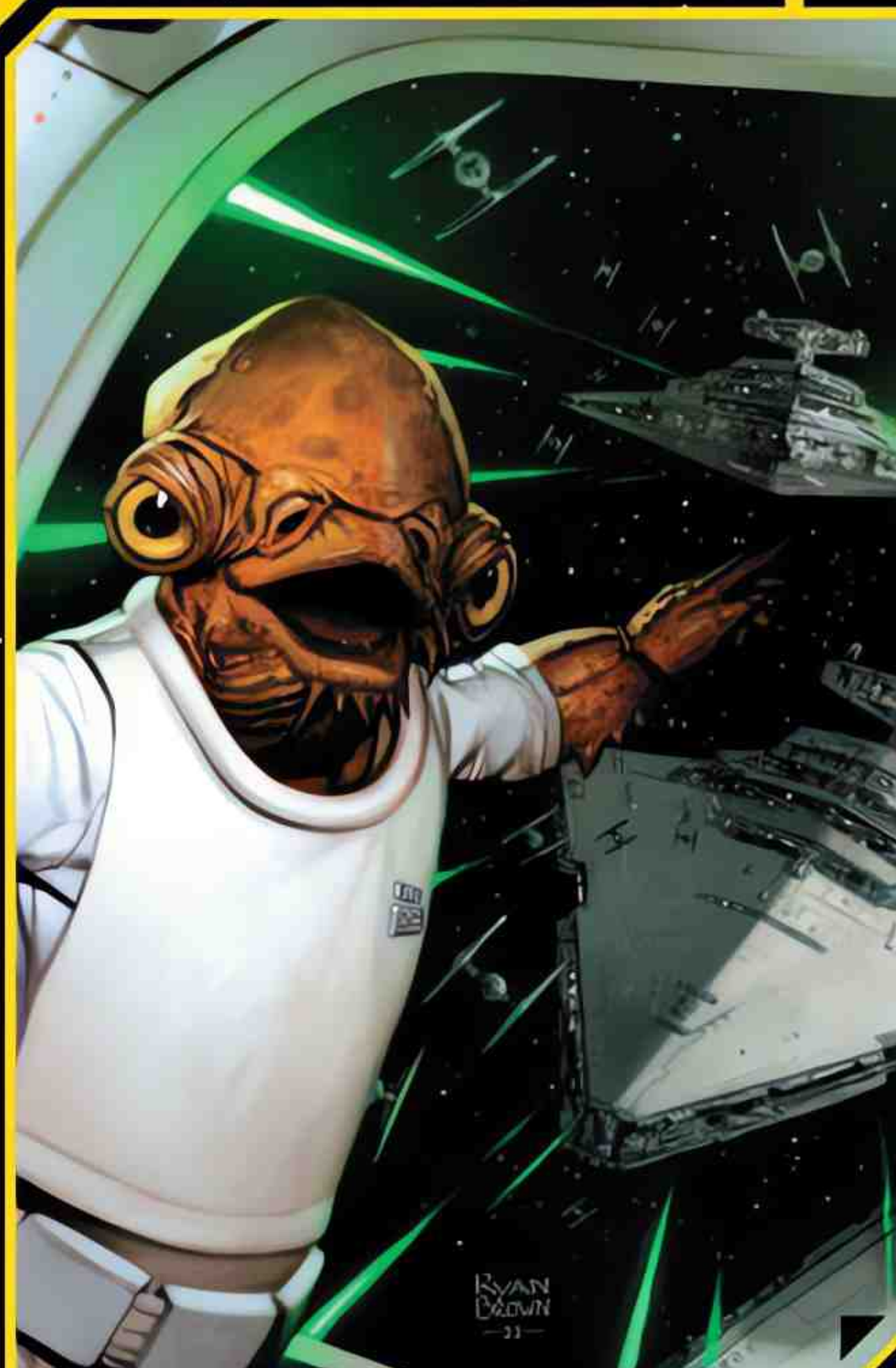
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